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Rev. Fred Hale goes from Hot Springs, Ark., to Lexington, N. C.

And now they tel us that the leather winged bat is being utilized to destroy the mosquito. Don't harm the bats!

Rev. Jas. B. Leavell writes that his service at Campbellsburg, Ky., is only temporary, as he expects to return to Oxford in June.

Every Sunday a large Baptist Sunday School in Brooklyn (Grace Church) stands and repeats in concert five sentences, telling five things that Baptists stand for—Good!

Those expecting to attend the Bible Conference in New Orleans, Feb. 20-23, will please send their names to Pastor R. L. Baker, First Baptist Church.

Evangelist T. T. Martin held a meeting at Grafton, West Virginia, and as one result sent in twenty-one new subscribers to the State paper. "Quod homo fecit homo faciat." "Go thou and learn what this meaneth."

In writing articles and news for The Baptist Record, please use a sheet separate from that used for sending book orders and for sending subscriptions. This will help those in the office, who are already overworked, and will get your copy to the printer quicker.

Mr. J. B. Mosely, Sunday School leader in Louisiana passed through Jackson a few days since on his way to Meridian, where the Baptist Churches co-operate in a teacher training campaign led by W. E. Holcomb. They were planning for an enrollment of 400.

Rev. Gaines S. Dobbins resigns at Gloster to accept the call of the church at New Albany, March 1st, where Pastor Wesson has labored efficiently for many years. Dr. Dobbins has the prestige of successful work behind him and will find noble people to work with in his new field.

The Galilee Church, Gloster, lost no time between pastors, but have secured the promise of Rev. Jesse L. Boyd to take up the work on March 1st. Bro. Boyd will be greatly missed in his field at Coldwater, and we predict for him a fruitful pastorate at Gloster.

Wm. H. Setzler, pastor at Caruthersville, Mo., warns against a young man passing as a preacher, by the name of Norman R. Duke. 5' 1-2 feet high, light complexion, weight 150 pounds, limited education, unlimited egotism. He deserted a young wife in Missouri, telling her he had another.

Mr. A. Flake, B. Y. P. U. leader, is conducting classes in Brookhaven the first part of this week. He merely cranks the machine, then the classes are taken up by Pastor Morgan, Mr. Hermon Dean and Mr. Tull. They study "Winning to Christ," "The Normal Mannual," and the New Testament, all in Teachers' Training Course.

The Deacons of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, in their printed annual report say last year was the first time in the oldest memory that there has not been an overdraft. The total disbursements for church expenses were \$4,688.15. The amount for outside benevolence is not reported. It is interesting to see the list of members published with the amount contributed by each.

Doctors, preachers and all interested in social and sanitary improvement will welcome the book "The New Chivalry—Health," just issued by the Southern Sociological Congress of Nashville, Tenn. It gives in full the addresses made at Houston last year at the meeting of the Congress on the subject: Cost of Preventable Diseases, Causes of Ill Health, Mothers, Children, Mental Hygiene, Health of Criminals, Means of Promoting Health, Health of Negroes, The Church and Conservation of Health. They are by men who are specialists in their line and embody much of the newest ideas and methods and suggestions. The writer was privileged to attend this convention and hear many of the addresses. The work of the Congress marks an era in the development of a social consciousness and obligation among our people. The Congress will meet in March in New Orleans this year. The book is a large volume of 556 pages, containing full page portraits of the founder, Mrs. Anna Russell Cole and of the president, Dr. S. P. Brooks, of Baylor University. It may be ordered of the Baptist Record for \$2.00 and postage 10c.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Leaf River Association at Sweetwater Church was a success. T. J. Moore was there and assisted the people to organize a Church Workers Convention which is launched in great hope of success. He also stirred the souls of the people on missions. Rev. W. A. McComb was also in the meeting and besides doing well for the Judson Memorial Fund, did some fine preaching. Two promising young people professed conversion and with two others by letter joined the church. The elegant and commodious new church, complete and is justly the pride of the community. Prof. Houston, with his faculty and student body of the County Agricultural High School did all they could to add to the success of the meeting.

The program of the Bible Conference at the Coliseum Baptist Church, New Orleans, Feb. 20-23, includes addresses by Drs. J. B. Lawrence, J. T. Christian, M. E. Dodd, R. P. Mahon, G. H. Crutcher and P. I. Lipsey. The New Orleans churches offer free entertainment to visiting brethren. There will be a meeting of the committees appointed by the Home Board. The Mississippi Convention and the Louisiana Convention to confer about the establishing of a Training School in New Orleans.

The faculty of the Wake Forest College, North Carolina, is of one mind as to the great value to their work of the new church building. Like Clinton they were for a long time without a church building. This is the way President Poteat looks at it: "The new church building is the most important single addition ever made to the College equipment; an expression of the religious life on high plane of the intellectual life; an attraction in itself to public worship; a necessary model and adequate instrument of church activities in behalf of the students."

We have received numerous inquiries from brethren as to the delay of the appearance of articles sent in by them. It is our desire to have all printed as rapidly as possible, but we have had an unusual amount of copy and not room for all at once. Each takes its turn and we all have to be patient together. If we can't be patient, lets be as patient as we can.

Pastor Morgan is planning for the annual revival at Brookhaven in April.

A correspondent for a paper being asked to write only on one side of the paper, wrote to inquire which side.

Pastor Lee B. Spencer began a meeting at Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, last Sunday. He asks for the prayerful co-operation of Record readers.

Dr. W. F. Yarborough and appendicitis have been playing hide and seek for several years. Recently it caught him, but he is now out and pushing the work as secretary in Alabama with new vigor.

Baptist Memorial Hospital News is a new monthly published by our brethren in Memphis. Our institutions are learning the necessity and value of the newspaper and some of them are willing to pay for it.

Brother, if it pleases you, do not write for books and say, "Send bill and I will remit." Just send the money with the order. It will expedite your orders greatly. We have so many small accounts that our time is too much taken up in looking after them. It saves you postage in remitting too.

The church at Greenville was strengthened by a series of sermons by Pastor C. T. Tew on "The Church." The four subjects were, "The Nature of the Church," "The Inward Mission of the Church," "The Outward Mission of the Church," and "The Elements of a Triumphant Church."

An Explanation: If you get a list of subscribers at your office the figures following the name indicate the date to which he is paid, for example Jno. Jones 1-1-16 shows that John Jones' time expired on Jan. 1, 1916 and his subscription is due from that time on, the figures indicate the month, the day and the year in that order.

It is said that at recent examinations in the Annapolis Naval Academy one fourth of the students failed to pass the examinations and will be sent away. This unprecedented number is due to the stricter regulations which make impossible the jacking that disgraced the institution last year, and will result in getting rid of many undesirables.

Dr. W. A. McComb, now working for the Judson Centennial is engaged to begin work for Baptist Hospital at Memphis about the first of June. Their plan is to raise \$125,000, one-half of which is to be given by friends in Memphis. The money is to be used in building the second wing of the hospital which will double its capacity. All their beds (one hundred and twenty in number) being now full.

The Governor has issued a proclamation making the week beginning March 5th, "Baby Week," in an effort to induce people to study the question of health of infants especially and take such intelligent action as will reduce the rate of mortality among the little folks. We will do a much needed service to humanity to call attention to this subject. Doctors and other social workers are studying this question and in many cities especially hundreds of lives have already been saved.

## MEETING OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

For three years the Southern Baptist Convention has had a Commission on Education. In the report of this commission at the Convention in Houston in 1913 a recommendation was made to the effect that the convention appoint an Educational Commission composed of one member from each state, with the instruction that during the year it make the practical and most thorough survey of the state field possible, and report at the next meeting of the Convention the fullest possible exhibit of all pertinent facts with such recommendations as they were justified by the facts and ideas of the Commission.

The Convention accepted the report and the President of the Convention named the following persons as the body to be called Educational Commission: J. M. Chatham, Alabama; W. J. E. Cox, Arkansas; E. D. Cox, Georgia; A. P. Montgomery, Florida; W. L. McDaniel, Georgia; A. W. Booth, Illinois; R. E. Adams, Kentucky; Edgar Goddard, Louisiana; O. P. Gregory, Maryland; J. L. Johnson, Mississippi; E. W. Stephens, Missouri; E. E. Jones, New Mexico; E. T. Vance, North Carolina; W. E. Wiley, Oklahoma; E. M. Patten, South Carolina; E. W. Weaver, Tennessee; A. J. Burton, Texas; J. W. Cunniff, Virginia.

The Commission met in Houston for organizational purposes and elected Dr. A. J. Burton, Texas, Chairman and Dr. J. W. Cunniff, Richmond, Va., Secretary and Treasurer.

### Commission Met in Nashville.

A meeting of this Commission preparatory to carrying out the instruction of the Convention was held in Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 17th and 18th in connection with the Southern Baptist Education Association, which met Jan. 18th and 19th.

The four general subjects considered at the meeting of the Commission were:

1. A study survey of the Baptist situation in the Southern States.
2. Questions involving relations to the Sunday School Board.
3. Questions involving the educational policy which we may recommend to the Southern Baptist Convention.
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The Secretary was requested by the Commission to convey some report of the meeting to the Baptist papers of the South to make special mention of two resolutions recommended by the Commission on Resolutions and unanimously adopted by the Commission.

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Second.—The Commission believes it wise that the time now come for a general Southwide discussion on the subject of establishing an Education Board by the Southern Baptist Convention. It is believed that by this method the Convention will be prepared to act intelligently on the report to be submitted.

Another matter of general interest is in respect to the relation of the Sunday School Boards hereinafter to our general educational work as a denomination. A part of the plan proposed involves, with the approval of the Sunday School Board, a Denominational Education Day in the 17,000 Baptist Sunday Schools of the South.

Dr. Van Ness, by instruction of the Commission, addressed us on that subject and stated that he believed such a plan feasible when there shall

be some organization competent to co-operate with the Sunday School Boards making such a day effective.

Another session of the Commission will be held in Nashville in connection with the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in May, Richmond, Va.

J. W. CUNIFF,

Secretary.

## Education Commission

### Vicksburg.

Last Sunday morning, we presented the findings of the Education Commission to the folks of the First Church, and a good offering was given. Dr. Hume is doing a great work here.

At the night service I was with Bowmar Avenue Church, where a most liberal offering was made. Bro. J. M. Hume, president of Mississippi College, is their efficient pastor.

God is wonderfully using these two pastors in Vicksburg in His own glory.

At the close of the night service at Bowmar Avenue, I was driven in an automobile to the largest colored Baptist church in Vicksburg where the colored people were having a mass meeting looking to the establishment of a denominational school. It was my privilege to speak to this mighty throng of folks on the subject of denominational schools and their value to a community. Judge Anderson made a telling speech along the same lines. Dr. Jones and his local church men, who are pastor of the church where the mass meeting was held, is one of the best educated men of his race in the South. He has been pastor at Vicksburg for twenty-seven years where God has used him mightily in the extension of His Kingdom among the colored people. The colored people are taking hold of this denominational school proposition with great earnestness, and may God bless them in it. At the close of the service the choir rendered some special music which was the greatest I have ever heard yet.

Things relationally are actually looking up in Vicksburg.

On February 1st, we closed the first year's work in this campaign; Bro. J. E. Byrd rendered valuable service the first six months. Afterwards, Prof. J. L. Johnson, our beloved president has been giving some time to it with telling effect. Wish it could have been possible to have kept these two brethren in the campaign until the close.

This has been the busiest year of my life, and from many standpoints, the work has been very pleasant indeed. I have one of the finest bunch of pastors to be found anywhere in the South; and the Mississippi Baptists here are liberal indeed. In spite of all the difficulties and special objects that have been pressed upon our people, we have raised in February, 1st, \$89,354.22, which from many standpoints is great.

We thank God and the brotherhood, and with hope and faith in the future we march toward victory.

W. E. FARR.

## THE BOOK

### GOD'S CALL TO WORK AND MAN'S RESPONSE.

By Joe. T. Christian, D. D.

Pastor First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

"Certainly I will be with you."—Ex. 3:12.

Forty long, weary years had gone by since Moses had fled to the wilderness. In the other days he had felt the hand of the Lord upon him. He had had burned with fire for his suffering brethren. He had thrown aside the treasures and honors of Egypt to be identified with the cast-off nation of Israel. But he ran before he was called. His hot blood made him strike

down an oppressor, and he had to fly for his life. In that lone wilderness God had never appeared to him. He felt his flock in the mountain side and down into the valleys; he looked into the clear heavens and studied the wonderful works of God.

But at length the angel of the Lord appeared unto him "in a flame of fire" and the bush was not consumed. Here was a beautiful conjunction of the natural and of the supernatural. A bush burned into a sanctuary. The heavens cannot suffice to contain God, yet he may be found in every flower. We pass the great things of nature and are attracted by indifferent matters. The sun wants to speak to us but we do not listen to the sounding voice; the stars call to us but we shut them out. Moses said, "I will turn aside and see." Then the Lord spoke to him, and when we turn aside, God will speak to us. "Draw near," says God, "and put the shoes from off thy feet, for the ground where thou standest is a holy ground." Then:

### God announced His great purpose.

Moses trembled. He had seen the affliction of the people, and he was determined to deliver them by the hand of Moses. This is like the commission that he gives to every Christian worker. God has in view a great purpose, and he calls upon Moses to carry it out. To accomplish this purpose two things were needed:

First, a great call.

Second, a great deliverance of man.

### Moses began to make excuses.

As these are the identical excuses made by Christians today, we will examine them. God does not blithely put a man into his work. If he has an excuse, God will reason with him, and graciously argue out the case.

1. "Who am I?" Moses argued. I do not wonder that Moses was startled at the call. The proposition blundered him as with an intolerable light. He could lead the flocks of his father-in-law, but he did not think he could lead a nation out of bondage. Here Moses makes a true spirit. He felt too greatly the burden of responsibility to assume lightly this great task. When we feel our weakness then are we strong. Moses was undoubtedly the fittest man living for the work, yet he says, "Who am I?" If Moses had not felt this sense of humility, he would have been unfit for the call. All successful workers feel thus.

God's answer was two-fold: "I will be with thee." That puts a new light on the subject. "I never expect you," says God, "to go alone." We see the human instrument, but we forget the hand that guides it. When we feel the great God behind us, then are we strong. Moses by himself would have been a failure, but Moses and God were a great success. There is the place of our hope. Jesus said to the disciples, "Go," but he also said, "Lo, I am with you always." The man of power is the one who knows the work, and then relies upon God for strength.

"Not only will I be with you," says God, "but I will give you success." Moses had back of him a most blessed promise. "When you shall bring forth Israel out of Egypt you shall serve God in this mountain." It was now pegged only by the solitary shepherd, and its greatest wonder was the burning bush. But then it should be filled with the fiery furnace of God, and the law sent forth from Sinai should govern the ages. God gives enough assurance of success to keep our hearts encouraged, and he lights up the way with glorious promises.

2. "What shall I say?" Moses desired full information in regard to the message. There was no visible presence to go with him, and how would the people of Israel know that God was with him? "Show us the Father" is the question uppermost in every heart.

The Lord made answer, "I Am that I Am hath sent thee." The great, self-existing God, the God of creation and of providence, throws around himself in the burning bush the veil of eternity. This name, "I Am that I Am," is never applied to man or angel. It stands out singly and alone as the peculiar name of Deity. In every instance it refers to the revelation of Jesus Christ, the God who came among men.

Note some of the "I Ams" of Jesus:

- "I AM the way, the truth and the life."
- "I AM the light of the world."
- "I AM the true vine."
- "I AM the door."
- "I AM the bread of life."
- "I AM the good shepherd."
- "I AM the resurrection and the life."
- "I AM Jesus."

The "I AM" of Moses was none other than the Lord Jesus, and he incarnated himself in the burning bush. He, therefore, says when people ask for your authority to preach unto them, "I AM hath sent thee." Jesus and his love is the answer to the world's need.

"The God of your fathers hath sent me," 'is the further answer to Moses' question. If God had only revealed himself as the Great I AM, in his self-existence, in his eternity, our faith could never reach him; but now he says, "I am the God of your father." There is something intensely human in this. There is something impressively beautiful in the idea that God is the God of the father, and of the son, and of the descendants. Thus the one God makes humanity into the one family. We live in different zones and acknowledge the sovereignty of different rulers, yet all nations are one, insofar as they serve and worship the living God. This makes him a God of affection—and this is the heart of the Christian religion. Jesus, the Son of God, is for the head; Jesus, the Son of Man, is for the heart. This shall be your message.

3. "They will not believe me." Distrust is natural to the mind; and Moses argues that men will not believe this remarkable story. He had no doubt that the I AM had appeared unto himself, but how could he convince others? There were two great difficulties in the way of faith: First, they would not credit so marvelous a thing as God appearing in a burning bush; second, they would doubt the practicability of anyone leading Israel out of Egypt.

My brethren, do we not meet the same difficulties? The first, the cardinal principle in our religion is that Jesus Christ is man, and that He is God. The incarnation is a hard doctrine for human reason. Many a prophet has exclaimed, "Lord, who hath believed our report?" Why shall I preach if no one will believe my sermon?

The answer is plain. Two notable miracles were performed. The rod in the hand of Moses became a serpent, and the hand became leprous. God said, I will be with you in power, that "they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers hath appeared unto them." Jesus said to His disciples, "Go, preach the gospel to all the world," but He also said, "Tarry in Jerusalem till ye be endued with power from on high." It is not the power to work miracles, but far better—it is the Holy Spirit given in power over human hearts. Men will believe when the Holy Spirit is present in power.

4. "I am not eloquent." "I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." Have you not felt the same thing? There is not one man in ten thousand who is eloquent. Mr. Moody was not eloquent, but he was full of soul. You can talk about everything else; why not about God? Moses became mighty in speech. He was no mere rhetorician, yet his speech was distilled with dew. The Lord never intimated that eloquence is necessary to Christian work.

"And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or the deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? Now, therefore, go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say." God is gracious to his people when they try to labor for him. God can wondrously use your tongue, surrendered to him. Our sufficiency is not of ourselves, but of God. God will help you to talk, as he helped Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and many another.

5. "I cannot go." Up to this time Moses presented weighty reasons, and God argued the case with him, but now his whole heart failed him, and he said, "I cannot go." What he meant was simply, "I don't want to go."

"I will not go"—is not this the trouble with the world? It has been said of the Christianity

of today, "It cannot give, on account of the depression of the times; it cannot go upon its mighty errand because of its dainty delicateness; it cannot engage in active beneficence because charity should begin at home; it cannot enter into ardent controversy because it prefers the contentment of inactivity."

Let us be true to ourselves, true to God, true to our fellow-man. If we do this our excuses will die upon our lips, and we will be found in every field of blessed activity.

## THE WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS

A suggestion: Let the leader of the prayer service, a week in advance, give to brethren one each of the points in Dr. Trotter's "Five Kings." After a brief discussion of Dr. Motley's outline on "Effectual Prayer," let him then call for Scripture readings as noted, and then have the brethren appointed make short talks on their respective subjects. Intersperse with heartfelt song and prayer.

### EFFECTUAL PRAYER.

Every true believer really wants to know how to pray aright. In Luke 2:1 we read that on one occasion, when Jesus ceased praying, one of His disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray." The correct wording of one's prayer is desirable, but the motive, spirit and manner are the matters of prime importance. The following suggestions may be of some use:

1. Pray after listening to God in His Word. (John 15:7.) When one reads the Bible he hears God speak to him; when one prays he answers back to God.

2. Pray without selfishness. When one prays for health, for larger harvests, for prosperity in business, it should be with the hope that his ability to serve might be increased. One's desires as well as his deeds should look to the glory of God. (See I Cor. 10:31.)

3. Pray honestly. When one prays, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth," there must be a willingness and a desire in his heart to lay himself and all that he has on the altar of God for service.

4. Pray unitedly. A strong promise is made to even two believers who may agree touching the things of Christ (Mat. 18:19). It is very evident that there was unity of purpose and of request among the disciples immediately preceding and following the mighty work of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-42.)

5. Pray perseveringly. For wise purposes of His own, the Lord must often delay His answer. At least, one is warranted in continuing his petition, provided the blessing he seeks for himself or another is not bestowed at once. It is a blessed privilege to linger at a throne of grace with the assurance that God, in His own time and way, will give the answer. (Luke 11:5-10; 18:1-5.)

R. L. MOTLEY.

West Point, Miss.

### THE FIVE KINGS.

Romans 5:17-21.

1. KING SIN. "That as sin hath reigned unto death." (verse 21.)

Sin entered upon his reign in the sin of Adam. Sin had before entered the world of angels, but did not have undisputed lordship—did not reign.

Sin's reign was universal. Death has passed on all men for that all have sinned. (5:12) So that man is as much disposed to sin as the sparks are to fly upward.

2. KING DEATH. "For if by one man's offense death reigned by one." (5:17)

King Sin set up a throne for Death to reign on. Otherwise Death could not reign. "The wages of sin is death." Had there been no sin in the world, there had been no death. "He

speaks of death as a mighty prince whose monarchy is the most absolute, universal and lasting. Death is absolute. Hear the proud queen of England when Death grasped her, "My kingdom, my kingdom for a moment of time." Death has reigned from Adam until now. He is the last king that shall be destroyed by King Jesus. So there is a limit put to the reign of Death.

3. KING GRACE. "Even so might grace reign through righteousness," etc. (5:21) Here we have war between King Sin and King Grace. "But when sin abounded, grace did much more abound." (5:20)

Little Faith, awaking from his sleep, saw three rogues—Faint Heart, Mistrust and Guilt—who called on him to stand. "At this Little Faith looked as white as a clout, and had power neither to fight nor fly. Mistrust ran up to him, and thrusting his hand into his pocket, pulled out thence a bag of silver. Then he cried out, "Thieves! Thieves!" With that, Guilt, with a great club that was in his hand, struck Little Faith on the head, and with that blow felled him to the ground; where he lay bleeding as one that would bleed to death." But hearing Great Grace appearing, the rogues ran away.

4. KING JESUS. "Even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." (5:21)

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Doth his successive journeys run.

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore

Till moons shall wax and wane no more."

5. KING CHRISTIAN. "Much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life," etc. (Rom. 5:17).

Jesus "has made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth." (Rev. 5:10.)

I. P. TROTTER.

Grenada, Miss.

## HOME BOARD RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING BAPTIST PAPERS.

The following resolutions offered by Dr. L. E. Barton, chairman of the publicity committee, were unanimously and heartily adopted by the Home Mission Board at its meeting on February 3:

Whereas, the weekly press of Southern Baptists has been and is of incalculable value to every co-operative kingdom service of the denomination; and

Whereas, the work of enlisting the tens of thousands of undeveloped and uninformed among our people, and the creation and maintenance of a healthy denominational spirit and loyalty, cannot be accomplished without the presence of the denominational papers in the homes of the people, and

Whereas, the denominational press is the only adequate and dependable printed-page medium for conserving among our people in their purity the doctrines and moral requirements of the Word of God, in a day when an immense amount of religious mis-information and mis-teaching is flooding the country.

Therefore, resolved—

1. That the board expresses its own deep and abiding sense of obligation to the Baptist papers of the South for their consistent, faithful and able advocacy of the great work which Southern Baptists have committed to our hands.

2. That it is our judgment that serious and prayerful attention should be given in the churches and in our associations and other denominational meetings to the claims of the denominational press, and that the representatives of all denominational interests should on every opportunity magnify the Baptist press.

3. We urge upon our Baptist pastors and people throughout the South the importance of having the denominational paper in every home in every church, and express our belief that this is a matter of such vital importance that the churches everywhere should take suitable and adequate steps to impress the need upon their members.

## MEETING OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

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The Convention accepted the report and the President of the Convention named the following persons on the newly created Education Commission: J. M. Shelburne, Alabama; W. J. E. Cox, Arkansas; B. D. Gaw, District of Columbia; A. P. Montague, Florida; W. L. Pickard, Georgia; A. W. Booth, Illinois; M. B. Adams, Kentucky; Edgar Godbold, Louisiana; O. F. Gregory, Maryland; J. L. Johnson, Mississippi; E. W. Stephens, Missouri; E. B. Atwood, New Mexico; R. T. Vann, North Carolina; W. S. Willey, Oklahoma; E. M. Poteat, South Carolina; R. W. Weaver, Tennessee; A. J. Barton, Texas; J. W. Cammack, Virginia.

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J. W. CAMMACK,  
Secretary.

## Education Commission

### Vicksburg.

Last Sunday morning, we presented the claims of the Education Commission to the folks at the First Church, and a good offering was given. Dr. Brame is doing a great work here.

At the night service I was with Bowmar Avenue Church, where a most liberal offering was made. Bro. J. M. Metts, a student of Mississippi College, is their efficient pastor.

God is wonderfully using these two pastors in Vicksburg in His own glory.

At the close of the night service at Bowmar Avenue, I was driven in an automobile to the largest colored Baptist church in Vicksburg where the colored people were having a mass meeting looking to the establishment of a negro Baptist school. It was my privilege to speak to this mighty throng of folks on the subject of denominational schools and their value in a community. Judge Anderson made a telling speech along the same lines. Dr. Jones (and he is a real doctor too,) who is pastor of the church where the mass meeting was held, is one of the best educated men of his race in the South. He has been pastor at Vicksburg for twenty-seven years where God has used him mightily in the extension of His Kingdom among the colored people. The colored people are taking hold of this denominational school proposition with great earnestness, and may God bless them in it. At the close of the service the choir rendered some special music which was the greatest I have ever heard yet.

Things religiously are actually looking up in Vicksburg.

On February 1st, we closed the first year's work in this campaign; Bro. J. E. Byrd rendered valuable service the first six months. Afterwards, Prof. J. L. Johnson, our beloved president has been giving some time to it with telling effect. Wish it could have been possible to have kept these two brethren in the campaign until the close.

This has been the busiest year of my life, and from many standpoints, the work has been very pleasant indeed. We have one of the finest bunch of pastors to be found anywhere in the South, and the Mississippi Baptists hosts are liberal indeed. In spite of all the difficulties and special objects that have been pressed upon our people, we have raised to February 1st, \$69,554.22, which from many standpoints is great.

We thank God and the brotherhood, and with hope and faith in the future we march toward victory.

W. E. FARR.

## THE BOOK

### GOD'S CALL TO WORK AND MAN'S EXCUSES.

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"Certainly I will be with you."—Ex. 3:12.

Forty long, weary years had gone by since Moses had fled to the wilderness. In the other days he had felt the hand of the Lord upon him. His soul had burned with fire for his suffering brethren. He had thrown aside the treasures and honors of Egypt to be identified with the cast-off nation of Israel. But he ran before he was called. His hot blood made him strike

down an oppressor, and he had to fly for his life. In that lone wilderness God had never appeared to him. He led his flock to the mountain side and down into the valleys; he looked into the clear heavens and studied the wonderful works of God.

But at length the angel of the Lord appeared unto him "in a flame of fire, and the bush was not consumed." Here was a beautiful conjunction of the natural and of the supernatural. A bush burned into a sanctuary. The heavens cannot suffice to contain God, yet he may be found in every flower. We pass the great things of nature and are attracted by indifferent matters. The sea wants to speak to us, but we do not listen to its sounding voice; the stars call to us, but we shut them out. Moses said, "I will turn aside and see." Then the Lord spoke to him; and when we turn aside, God will speak to us. "Draw near," says God, "and put the shoes from off thy feet, for the ground whereon thou standest is holy ground." Then

### God Announced His Great Purpose

towards Israel. He had seen the affliction of his people, and he was determined to deliver them by the hand of Moses. This is like the commission that he gives to every Christian worker. God has in view a great purpose, and he calls upon Moses to carry it out. To accomplish this purpose two things were needed:

First, a great call.

Second, a great deliverance of men.

### Moses Began to Make Excuses.

As these are the identical excuses made by Christians today, we will examine them. God does not blindly put a man into his work. If he has an excuse, God will reason with him, and graciously argue out the case.

1. "Who am I?" Moses argued. I do not wonder that Moses was startled at the call. The proposition blinded him as with an intolerable light. He could lead the flocks of his father-in-law, but he did not think he could lead a nation out of bondage. Here Moses marks a true spirit. He felt too greatly the burden of responsibility to assume lightly this great task. When we feel our weakness then are we strong. Moses was undoubtedly the fittest man living for the work, yet he says, "Who am I?" If Moses had not felt this sense of humility, he would have been unfit for the call. All successful workers feel thus.

God's answer was two-fold: "I will be with thee." That puts a new light on the subject. "I never expect you," says God, "to go alone." We see the human instrument, but we forget the hand that guides it. When we feel the great God behind us, then are we strong. Moses by himself would have been a failure, but Moses and God were a great success. There is the place of our hope. Jesus said to the disciples, "Go," but he also said, "Lo, I am with you always." The man of power is the one who knows the work, and then relies upon God for strength.

"Not only will I be with you," says God, "but I will give you success." Moses had back of him a most blessed promise. "When you shall bring forth Israel out of Egypt you shall serve God in this mountain." It was now peopled only by the solitary shepherd, and its greatest wonder was the burning bush. But then it should be filled with the fiery furnace of God, and the law sent forth from Sinai should govern the ages. God gives enough assurance of success to keep our hearts encouraged, and he lights up the way with glorious promises.

2. "What shall I say?" Moses desired full information in regard to the message. There was no visible presence to go with him, and how would the people of Israel know that God was with him? "Show us the Father" is the question uppermost in every heart.

The Lord made answer, "I Am that I Am hath sent thee." The great self-existing God, the God of creation and of providence, throws around himself in the burning bush the veil of eternity. This name, "I Am that I Am," is never applied to man or angel. It stands out singly and alone as the peculiar name of Deity. In every instance it refers to the revelation of Jesus Christ, the God who came among men.

Note some of the "I Ams" of Jesus:

- "I AM the way, the truth and the life."
- "I AM the light of the world."
- "I AM the true vine."
- "I AM the door."
- "I AM the bread of life."
- "I AM the good shepherd."
- "I AM the resurrection and the life."
- "I AM Jesus."

The "I AM" of Moses was none other than the Lord Jesus, and he incarnated himself in the burning bush. He, therefore, says when people ask for your authority to preach unto them, "I AM hath sent thee." Jesus and his love is the answer to the world's need.

"The God of your fathers hath sent me," 'is the further answer to Moses' question. If God had only revealed himself as the Great I AM, in his self-existence, in his eternity, our faith could never reach him; but now he says, "I am the God of your father." There is something intensely human in this. There is something impressively beautiful in the idea that God is the God of the father, and of the son, and of the descendants. Thus the one God makes humanity into the one family. We live in different zones and acknowledge the sovereignty of different rulers, yet all nations are one, insofar as they serve and worship the living God. This makes him a God of affection—and this is the heart of the Christian religion. Jesus, the Son of God, is for the head; Jesus, the Son of Man, is for the heart. This shall be your message.

3. "They will not believe me." Distrust is natural to the mind; and Moses argues that men will not believe this remarkable story. He had no doubt that the I AM had appeared unto himself, but how could he convince others? There were two great difficulties in the way of faith: First, they would not credit so marvelous a thing as God appearing in a burning bush; second, they would doubt the practicability of anyone leading Israel out of Egypt.

My brethren, do we not meet the same difficulties? The first, the cardinal principle in our religion is that Jesus Christ is man, and that He is God. The incarnation is a hard doctrine for human reason. Many a prophet has exclaimed, "Lord, who hath believed our report?" Why shall I preach if no one will believe my sermon?

The answer is plain. Two notable miracles were performed. The rod in the hand of Moses became a serpent, and the hand became leprous. God said, I will be with you in power, that "they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers hath appeared unto them." Jesus said to His disciples, "Go, preach the gospel to all the world," but He also said, "Tarry in Jerusalem till ye be endued with power from on high." It is not the power to work miracles, but far better—it is the Holy Spirit given in power over human hearts. Men will believe when the Holy Spirit is present in power.

4. "I am not eloquent." "I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." Have you not felt the same thing? There is not one man in ten thousand who is eloquent. Mr. Moody was not eloquent, but he was full of soul. You can talk about everything else; why not about God? Moses became mighty in speech. He was no mere rhetorician, yet his speech was distilled with dew. The Lord never intimated that eloquence is necessary to Christian work.

"And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or the deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? Now, therefore, go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say." God is gracious to his people when they try to labor for him. God can wondrously use your tongue, surrendered to him. Our sufficiency is not of ourselves, but of God. God will help you to talk, as he helped Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and many another.

5. "I cannot go." Up to this time Moses presented weighty reasons, and God argued the case with him, but now his whole heart failed him, and he said, "I cannot go." What he meant was simply, "I don't want to go."

"I will not go"—is not this the trouble with the world? It has been said of the Christianity

of today, "It cannot give, on account of the depression of the times; it cannot go upon its mighty errand because of its dainty delicateness; it cannot engage in active beneficence because charity should begin at home; it cannot enter into ardent controversy because it prefers the contentment of inactivity."

Let us be true to ourselves, true to God, true to our fellow-man. If we do this our excuses will die upon our lips, and we will be found in every field of blessed activity.

## THE WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS

A suggestion: Let the leader of the prayer service, a week in advance, give to brethren one each of the points in Dr. Trotter's "Five Kings." After a brief discussion of Dr. Motley's outline on "Effectual Prayer," let him then call for Scripture readings as noted, and then have the brethren appointed make short talks on their respective subjects. Intersperse with heartfelt song and prayer.

### EFFECTUAL PRAYER.

Every true believer really wants to know how to pray aright. In Luke 2:1 we read that on one occasion, when Jesus ceased praying, one of His disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray." The correct wording of one's prayer is desirable, but the motive, spirit and manner are the matters of prime importance. The following suggestions may be of some use:

1. Pray after listening to God in His Word. (John 15:7.) When one reads the Bible he hears God speak to him; when one prays he answers back to God.

2. Pray without selfishness. When one prays for health, for larger harvests, for prosperity in business, it should be with the hope that his ability to serve might be increased. One's desires as well as his deeds should look to the glory of God. (See I Cor. 10:31.)

3. Pray honestly. When one prays, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth," there must be a willingness and a desire in his heart to lay himself and all that he has on the altar of God for service.

4. Pray unitedly. A strong promise is made to even two believers who may agree touching the things of Christ (Mat. 18:19). It is very evident that there was unity of purpose and of request among the disciples immediately preceding and following the mighty work of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-42.)

5. Pray perseveringly. For wise purposes of His own, the Lord must often delay His answer. At least, one is warranted in continuing his petition, provided the blessing he seeks for himself or another is not bestowed at once. It is a blessed privilege to linger at a throne of grace with the assurance that God, in His own time and way, will give the answer. (Luke 11:5-10; 18:1-5.)

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### THE FIVE KINGS.

Romans 5:17-21.

1. KING SIN. "That as sin hath reigned unto death." (verse 21.)

Sin entered upon his reign in the sin of Adam. Sin had before entered the world of angels, but did not have undisputed lordship—did not reign.

Sin's reign was universal. Death has passed on all men for that all have sinned. (5:12) So that man is as much disposed to sin as the sparks are to fly upward.

2. KING DEATH. "For if by one man's offense death reigned by one." (5:17)

King Sin set up a throne for Death to reign on. Otherwise Death could not reign. "The wages of sin 's death." Had there been no sin in the world, there had been no death. "He

speaks' of death as a mighty prince whose monarchy is the most absolute, universal and lasting. Death is absolute. Hear the proud queen of England when Death grasped her, "My kingdom, my kingdom for a moment of time." Death has reigned from Adam until now. He is the last king that shall be destroyed by King Jesus. So there is a limit put to the reign of Death.

3. KING GRACE. "Even so might grace reign through righteousness," etc. (5:21) Here we have war between King Sin and King Grace. "But when sin abounded, grace did much more abound." (5:20)

Little Faith, awaking from his sleep, saw three rogues—Faint Heart, Mistrust and Guilt—who called on him to stand. "At this Little Faith looked as white as a clout, and had power neither to fight nor fly. Mistrust ran up to him, and thrusting his hand into his pocket, pulled out thence a bag of silver. Then he cried out, "Thieves! Thieves!" With that, Guilt, with a great club that was in his hand, struck Little Faith on the head, and with that blow felled him to the ground; where he lay bleeding as one that would bleed to death." But hearing Great Grace appearing, the rogues ran away.

4. KING JESUS. "Even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." (5:21)

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Doth his successive journeys run.  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more."

5. KING CHRISTIAN. "Much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life," etc. (Rom. 5:17).

Jesus "has made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth." (Rev. 5:10.)

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### HOME BOARD RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING BAPTIST PAPERS.

The following resolutions offered by Dr. L. E. Barton, chairman of the publicity committee, were unanimously and heartily adopted by the Home Mission Board at its meeting on February 3:

Whereas, the weekly press of Southern Baptists has been and is of incalculable value to every co-operative kingdom service of the denomination; and

Whereas, the work of enlisting the tens of thousands of undeveloped and uninformed among our people, and the creation and maintenance of a healthy denominational spirit and loyalty, cannot be accomplished without the presence of the denominational papers in the homes of the people, and

Whereas, the denominational press is the only adequate and dependable printed-page medium for conserving among our people in their purity the doctrines and moral requirements of the Word of God, in a day when an immense amount of religious mis-information and mis-teaching is flooding the country.

Therefore, resolved—

1. That the board expresses its own deep and abiding sense of obligation to the Baptist papers of the South for their consistent, faithful and able advocacy of the great work which Southern Baptists have committed to our hands.

2. That it is our judgment that serious and prayerful attention should be given in the churches and in our associations and other denominational meetings to the claims of the denominational press, and that the representatives of all denominational interests should on every opportunity magnify the Baptist press.

3. We urge upon our Baptist pastors and people throughout the South the importance of having the denominational paper in every home in every church, and express our belief that this is a matter of such vital importance that the churches everywhere should take suitable and adequate steps to impress the need upon their members.

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word, which must accompany the notice.**EDITORIAL.****BIBLE INSTITUTE.**

There are many things that have to be seen to be appreciated. Of these one is the North-east Mississippi Bible Institute held at Ecu. It has been in operation for several years, beginning at Corinth, but settling permanently, it seems, at Ecu. There were about twenty-five preachers present, and they were still coming at the last report. But it was not simply a preachers' meeting, for the house was filled with people at night and at some of the day sessions. It was a revelation to see how people faced the worst weather to come, and how eagerly they drank in the Word. It was purely a Bible study, taking up for three days the two letters of Paul to the Thessalonians. The plan was to divide the time and the epistles, up among various brethren, all pastors in that section of the State, and have practical expositions by them followed by open discussions, preceded by devotional exercises. The editor, happening in, preached on Monday night and was pressed in to fill a gap in the program on Tuesday. It was his privilege to hear the discussions by Brothens Wesson, Riley, Beasley and Rogers. On Tuesday night Bro. Vipperman delivered an address on "The Church," which was masterful in logic, orthodox in teaching, punctuated with Scripture and fervid in eloquence. The Scripture teaching from day to day could not fail to enrich those who attended, and the fellowship was heavenly. People could not be more generous and cordial in their hospitality. Bro. Virgil Tucker was in his element, providing for everybody. Pastor Beasley presided gracefully and led the song service that in some respects we have never seen surpassed. Our home was with Brother and Sister Owen, being also privileged to take a meal in the home of Brother Holditch. It was a matter of sincere regret that we could not remain to hear the discussion led by Brothens Holcomb, O'Briant, Motley, Gavin, Jordan, Barksdale and Parker. The Blue Mountain brethren were missed, being kept away by their protracted meeting.

**WEAKNESS OF LAW.**

It is no new cry that we now hear about the failure of law. Indeed theology, or the Bible, and human experience will always be found to bear the same testimony when they are closely studied. Paul recognizes that there are some things which law cannot do, even the Law of God. In Romans 8:3 he says, "What the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh."

The evidences of weakness and failure are abundant. The very fact that we are forever modifying our laws, remaking them as well as making new ones is evidence of weakness. This is due to the weakness of the flesh in two ways:

We are slow to discern the right, and slow in willingness and ability to enforce it. We come to it only by gradual approach. Even the Law of God had to reckon with this weakness, for Moses suffered some things to continue for a while, on account of the hardness of men's hearts, which were not according to the will of God. When we sail against the wind we must constantly tack or shift the sails so as to come to our goal in a zigzag course. In making laws men have of necessity, been subject to the same limitations. Men did not come to the present status of legislation on the liquor question by one stroke of the pen, but by constant and repeated efforts, sometimes even losing ground. But generally each statute registered some distinct advance in men's standards and helped to confirm the title to the acquisition of new ground which was gained. For example the limiting the amount of whiskey which could be ordered at one time to one gallon, was an advance in that it recognized the right to limit at all. The bill now before the Legislature limits the amount to one quart in two weeks is a further advance. The weakness of the old law is sorely recognized and the effort is made to amend it. In a few years time the present proposed law will show weakness and will need to be changed. It will be noticed however that the law is "weak through the flesh." It is as far as law can go at present because of the limitations imposed by the weakness of men.

But the enactment of law is not the only place where weakness is in evidence. More commonly it is in the enforcement. It is not always easy to detect the culprit, and when he is discovered there are many avenues of escape. Even where there is detection and conviction and punishment is meted out, and the pardoning power is not abused; even when the full penalty of law is visited and justice is satisfied, still there is a realization of failure, for the highest and noblest ends have not been secured. The law has been vindicated; society has been protected, but the man has been lost. He is a criminal before the law and a condemned sinner in the sight of God. The law of God may be and is more sure to condemn than the law of man, but it can go no further than to secure conviction. Further than this it cannot go. When a man is put in the penitentiary, he is turned over to the sergeant—and the chaplain.

Is the law therefore useless because it is weak? By no means. Even human laws are not to be branded as useless and ignored or repealed because they do not accomplish all we purpose by them. God has not repealed the Ten Commandments because they have not stopped all thieving and lying and adultery. God knew of course that they would not prohibit all sin. But they set up a standard; they warn and convict; they develop a conscience and consciousness of need. No, we are not going backward and repeal any laws or slacken any statutes because they have not accomplished all that is desired. We will raise the standard higher and make the laws more stringent and effective.

The Law of God is not in vain because it does not save men, anymore than a pick is useless because it does not throw the dirt out of the ditch. The pick prepares the way for the shovel and makes possible and effective the work of the shovel. The law never saved anybody and was never intended to save anybody, but it is not therefore useless. It was our school master to bring us unto Christ. Paul in the seventh chapter of Romans, shows what the law did for him. There was never a man who tried it out more faithfully and under better advantages. He had a good start, a strong will, helpful environment and every inducement; but what the law did for him was to make him conscious of his own helplessness in the battle with sin and its inability to lend him any aid or comfort. His despairing cry is "O, wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death." Here the law will leave every man that follows it; in the slough of despond now or in the lake of fire in eternity.

**THE PERFECT LAW.**

The word law is used in the Bible as in common speech with more than one meaning. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say with greater or less latitude in its meaning; sometimes with a limited meaning and sometimes a wider range is included. This may be true in a single paragraph in the Bible as for instance where Paul speaks of what the law could not do, immediately following with a reference to the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus and the laws of sin and death. Here is a reference to the law of Moses, the operation of the Spirit and the control of sin.

Law is the expression of will, usually embracing also its exercise and including the effects of conformity to it or violation of it. The Law of God in its fullest meaning is the complete revelation of His will, the expression and transcript of His own nature. James uses the word in this sense when he speaks of "Looking into the perfect law." In this way the gospel is included in the perfect law; or perhaps it would be better to say that the gospel is the perfect law, for it is the final and complete revelation of the will of God.

Mere commandments are not the perfect revelation of the will of God. They are perfect as far as they go, but they are not complete, only partial or fractional. The will of God concerning Israel was not fully revealed in the Ten Commandments spoken on Sinai, nor in the elaboration of them that followed from the lips of Moses. It must include the sacrifices of sin, the mercy as well as the judgment of God. The hunger of Moses' heart was not satisfied by the revelations he had in the mountain that first occasion, but he besought the Lord to "show him His glory." In answer to this, he heard the voice of God saying, "Jehovah, Jehovah, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness and truth; forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin; and that will by no means clear the guilty." The perfect revelation of God must include mercy and forgiveness. Indeed these are called the "gospel of the glory of the blessed God."

This will help us to understand better perhaps the meaning of Jesus' words in the sermon on the Mount: "I came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it," that is, to complete it. He is the full embodiment of the will of God. He is God's last message to man. No other is needed or possible. This is the sense in which James speaks of the perfect law. We also read that it is not the will of God that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. This is the purpose of the gospel, the revelation of the grace of God that brings salvation. David in the nineteenth Psalm anticipates the gospel message when he says "The Law of the Lord is perfect restoring the soul." Law in the limited sense of commandment and penalty does not restore the soul, but condemns it. Law when it is "perfect" including the gospel has for its purpose and issue the restoring the soul to the favor of God and to the image of God.

"Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." He is the end in the sense that He is what the law contemplated, prophesied and required for its fulfillment. He is the end in that He completes the revelation of God, fulfills the will of God, accomplishes the purpose of His grace, puts an end to its penalties, in His person and life fulfills all its requirements and enables those who believe on Him to keep his commandments. What the law (of Moses) could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh; that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

The State Secretaries in their meeting at Chattanooga did not favor the putting on of a campaign for church building by the Home Mission Board.

### ONLY FORTY DOLLARS RAISED FOR ORPHANAGE IN THE RECORD CAMPAIGN SO FAR.

The subscriptions under the offer made by The Record at the suggestion of the Mississippi Baptist Publication Commission to give one-fourth of all subscriptions sent in on special subscription blanks to the Orphanage (provided the gross amount reaches \$2,000) came in more rapidly during the past week than any week during the campaign. Many pastors and friends are waking up to the fact that the time is brief, since the offer expires March first.

Since our last report, the following have sent in clubs: T. J. Moore, Hattiesburg; G. W. Gates, Summit; Joel Dorroh, Bellefontaine; Wayne Sutton, Florence. Brother Sutton sent in the largest club sent by any preacher up to this time.

Up to this time of writing, \$160.00 has been received during the campaign, giving a credit of \$40.00 to the Orphanage, provided the required amount is raised.

Brethren, remember the special club plan of \$1.50 in clubs of ten, and work at this right away. Both old and new subscriptions may be included in clubs. The time is short. We appreciate the efforts of all who have worked, and thank them, as well as those who will work right now.

### JUST A WORD WITH THE RECORD FAMILY.

Next week we are planning to issue a "Baptist Record Number" of the paper. Something of the history, the plans, the purposes, the ideals, the possibilities, as well as the difficulties and problems of The Record will be set forth, and expressions of appreciation of its worth from many sources will be printed.

We love to think of the readers of The Record as constituting a great Baptist family. There is a mystic bond of fellowship that binds together those who read its pages from week to week. Somehow there is a real difference between a Baptist who reads The Record and one who does not—a difference that saddens us as we think of the loss to the Master's kingdom that comes from so many neglecting to take the paper.

It is not for the sake of the subscription price, but from an intensely missionary motive, that we are striving thus to place the paper in more homes. Think of what you do when you add another member to our great Record family: You place that one in touch with the affairs of the kingdom of God, you introduce to him the finest spirits among us who contribute for the paper's columns; you place at his disposal the scholarship and consecration of our editor, whose editorials alone are worth many times the price of the paper; you fill him with the missionary spirit, the spirit of service, as he becomes informed of the great movements his brethren are projecting in the Master's name; you set before him mental and spiritual food that will keep aflame the fires of his soul in times of pre-occupation, of doubt, of difficulty, and of trouble.

Write the manager of The Record NOW and tell him to send you one or more extra copies of this edition, and then with that copy in hand go to your neighbor full of missionary zeal and secure his or her subscription. Do this NOW, for the special offer holds good but a few days longer.

An hour spent in behalf of The Record will benefit more causes for Christ than an hour spent in any other direction, for our paper is the dynamo from which every other cause fostered by Mississippi receives its motive power of publicity and appeal.

The time is short. Let us not have to write "Failure" against this great undertaking.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PUBLICATION  
COMMISSION.

The Presbyterians of Mississippi are out for \$150,000 for their four schools, and they are getting it. Come on Brother Baptists let's get done with our \$100,000. We ought to get that much every year.

Next week will be special "Baptist Record Number." A number of articles concerning the paper will appear; some by members of the publication commission, others by other friends of the paper. If you have friends to whom you wish sample copies mailed, drop us a card and we will see that they get a copy of this issue. By the way, have you gotten that club of ten subscribers at \$1.50 each? In lots of less than ten, the price is \$2.00.

The following were given as reasons for attending a Men's Convention. We give them as reasons for reading the denominational paper: "Because it will widen his horizon; increase his knowledge; deepen his convictions; enlarge his sympathies; magnify his opportunities; enrich his spiritual life; give him a clearer vision; fill him with enthusiasm; make him sure of ultimate victory; show him that work must be done now; open to him channels of world service; fit him for larger efficiency in his local church and community."

It gives us pleasure to note an editorial in The Monday Morning Leader of Jackson, which has the right ring on the whiskey advertising question. What is said about an evening paper in Jackson and its fight in favor of whiskey advertising makes interesting reading. It is an offense to all who love righteousness and hate iniquity, to all who seek to uphold and strengthen the prohibition law in Mississippi to see any paper endeavor to destroy the respect for law and corrupt the morals of our men by whiskey advertising. The Clarion-Ledger long ago refused all such unrighteous gains and its policy has been to support the laws against the whiskey regime.

Dr. H. K. Carroll, in his bulletin giving the statistics of the different denominations in the United States says that the gains in church membership in the South were "quite extraordinary." That of Southern Baptists was more than 116,000 over the previous year. That of Southern Methodists was 66,000, and that of Presbyterians 22,000. The total of Southern Baptists is 2,705,121 and of Southern Methodists, 2,072,035. The figures for both North and South, however, reverses the figure in favor of the Methodists. The percentage of gain in twenty-five years is for the Lutheran Synodical Conference 130 per cent; Roman Catholic 125; Lutheran General Synod 116; Presbyterian, South 118; Disciples of Christ 113; Southern Baptists 111; Methodist Episcopal, South 71. These figures are furnished by the Federal Council of Churches.

We are glad to have received a copy of "Baptist Refreshments," by our ex-Mississippian, L. R. Burress. It contains, besides his likeness and that of his wife, Mrs. Annie Ball Burress, chapters on "Organic Divisions Among Christians Deplorable," "Is Organic Union of Christians Possible?" "Joining the Church," "Importance of Baptism," "Perpetuity of the New Testament Church," "Authority of the Scriptures," and "The Lord's Supper." Like its author, it is to be classed among the stalwarts. The introduction is by his life-long friend, Dr. J. B. Gambrell. It is told of Brother Burress that when a soldier in the Confederate army he carried the colors and on one occasion he carried them into the fight far ahead of the men. Some one called to him, "Bring the colors back to the line." His reply was, "Bring the line up to the colors!" That has been his motto, and he has lived up to it.

In the life and growth of any religious denomination the chief factor is the church paper, which forms the connection between all the different forces enlisted, keeps them in line and

maintains unity of purpose. We are complaining in so many local churches because of the lack of general interest, and at the same time there is general complaint that the church papers are having more and more difficulty in securing adequate support. This simply means that the relation between the church and the church paper is reciprocal, each is dependent upon the other. This is not a local condition, it has been noted in every Protestant church, and now Cardinal O'Connell of Boston, comes out with an appeal for support of the Pilot, the organ of the diocese, showing how necessary is this instrumentality even to so highly organized an institution as the Roman Church. The church paper has changed of necessity, it has been forced into a narrower field by competition, but in that field it remains the chief factor in church activity. Whoso would reach and serve through any department of church life, finds the only door is through the church paper, which is the one missionary which never fails, never dies, never stops for bad weather, and which has the key to every home in the land.—Universal Leader.

### TWAS EVER THUS.

Consider the editor. He weareth purple and fine linen. His abode is among the mansions of the rich. His wife hath her limousine and his first-born sporteth a speedy space-eater. Lo! All the people breaketh their necks to hand him money.

A child is born unto the wife of a merchant in the bazaar. The physician getteth ten golden plunks. The editor writeth a stick and a half and telleth the multitude that the child tippeth the beam at nine pounds. Yea, he lieth even as a centurion. And the proud father giveth him a chromo.

Behold the young woman groweth up and graduateth. And the editor putteth into his paper a swell notice. Yea, a peach of a notice. He telleth of the wisdom of the young woman, and of her exceeding comeliness. Like unto the rose of Sharon is she, and her gown is played up to beat the band, and the dressmaker getteth two score and four iron men. And the editor getteth a note of thanks from the S. G. C. The daughter goeth on a journey and the editor throweth himself on the story of the farewell party. It runneth a column solid. And the fair one remembereth him from afar with a picture postcard that costeth six for a jilney.

Behold, she cometh out and the youth of the city fall down and worship. She picketh one, and lo! she getteth a lemon. But the editor calleth him one of our most promising young men and getteth away with it. And they send unto him a bid to the wedding feast, and behold, the bids are fashioned by Muntgomery Hawbuck, in a far city. Flowery and long is the wedding notice which the editor printeth. The minister getteth ten bones. The groom standeth the editor off for a twelvemonth subscription.

All flesh is grass, and in time is gathered unto the silo. The minister getteth his bit. The editor printeth a death notice, two columns of obituary, three lodge notices, a cubit of poetry and a card of thanks. He forgetteth to read proof on the head, and the fool thing comes out "Gone to Her Roasting Place."

And all that are akin to the deceased jumpeth on the editor with exceeding great jumps. And they pulleth out their ads and cancelleth their subscriptions, and they swingeth the hammer even unto the third and fourth generations.

Canst thou beat it?—Ex.

Editor Graham, of the Christian Index, told the Georgia State Convention that the combined force of the missionaries, evangelists and pastors whose salaries have been supplemented by the board had sent in during the year less than ten subscribers to the Index. He told them further, "that by actual measurement more than 8,000 lineal column inches of space" were given to the objects within the State fostered by the board. This space at a very conservative estimate was worth \$4,000.

## Department of the Convention Board

J. BENJ. LAWRENCE, Cor. Sec., Jackson, Miss.

Have faith in God.

Prayer is the royal gate of access to the King.

It is hard work seeking the Savior while serving self.

Christ does not offer to bear the burdens of our greed.

Probably most of the trouble in trying to live a Christian life arises from attempting to half live it.

Our need cannot be so great that Jesus is unwilling or unable to meet it, if only we really turn to Him in hopeful helpfulness and trust.

### Sunday School Convention.

Our campaign of organization starts off in fine style. Reports coming in from the meetings on the fifth Sunday in January are very encouraging. Baptists in Mississippi have decided to have distinctively denominational Sunday School organization constructed and administered with the purpose of making Mississippi a Baptist Empire and they are setting themselves to the task of forming such an organization. Let every Convention organized report at once giving their officers so that they may be enrolled.

### State Secretaries Meeting.

The meeting of the State Secretaries at Chattanooga, Tenn., attended by the Corresponding Secretary was in many respects a very profitable meeting. In such conferences as these we come to look at our problems from the wider denominational and kingdom view point and to lay our plans so as to include the whole territory of the South as well as the individual State. It was the definite decision of the Secretaries that no more special campaigns for money raising should be put on by the Southern Baptist Convention until the Judson Centennial notes are all paid. It was also the opinion of the Secretaries that a more careful inspection of Mission Study Literature should be had as some of the books being recommended by denominational organizations were unfit for Baptists to study. It was also suggested that the Home and Foreign Mission Boards get together on the question of enlistment and definitely define their respective fields so that there would not be conflict in the work as there now is in many instances. Many helpful papers were read. The meeting next year is in Shreveport, La.

### Helping the Country Church.

I have a letter from Brother W. H. Morgan in which he says: "I am trying to make a demonstration for our association at the Big Springs Church. We have got things started in fine shape out there. On the second Sunday in February we will have a great Rally Day for the church out of which we hope to get a fully graded Sunday School, a Woman's Missionary Society, a Baptist Young People's Union, and a Mission Committee in the church. We are plotting the territory of the church, have made an every member canvass, dividing gifts equally for home and others."

Now that is doing the thing. We may talk all we please about solving the country church problem, but there is just one way to solve it and that is for our strongest churches and preachers to do what Brother Morgan of Brookhaven is doing. How many pastors of strong churches will do what Morgan is doing? Let's have a show of hands on this subject? We will from this office furnish tracts, cards, envelopes, and other things necessary for the putting on of campaigns in our country churches, if we can

just get the brethren to do the work. Who will be the first? I await your reply.

### Foreign Mission Situation.

I give below a statement from Dr. J. F. Love, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. Read it, there is food for thought therein. Mississippi has fallen below her apportionment for several years now in succession. We must meet it this year.

Dr. Love says:

"There are several outstanding and significant facts connected with our Foreign Mission Board which I am continually turning over in my mind. They must have a great lesson for Southern Baptists, and I am for this reason, passing them on to the Journal readers.

"There is the fact of a difficult financial situation as regards the current expenses of the Foreign Mission Board. All of us are lending our influence and heartiest support to the effort of the Laymen to raise the debt on the two boards, and the special effort to complete the Judson Centennial Fund. These two enterprises must be carried to success. There is danger, however, that some will allow the help which they give to these objects to reduce their contributions to the current expenses.

"The danger of such a thing, in view of the great needs of the board, ought to be taken under consideration. Do these, and do not, at the risk of great peril to the work, leave the other undone.

"Another fact is that the European war has, while making financial difficulties for us, increased our responsibility to supply the gospel to the heathen nations. The war has made our foreign mission duty much larger than it was before.

"A fact which speaks a great word is that just when our foreign mission duty is increased, an unusual number of consecrated and cultured young men and women are begging to be sent to the foreign field, and for want of money we must discourage them. It is a serious matter to keep fifty well-trained young men and women at home when they are anxious to go and there is such need of them on the field.

"Put with this another fact, namely: a full score of our splendid missionaries who have long cried for reinforcements, are broken down in health, and have either come home for recuperation or their doctors are begging the Board to give them vacations. If we would not kill some of these, new missionaries ought to be sent.

"Does not the Lord speak to us a plain word in these facts on the Christian duty of increasing our foreign mission gifts?

### HEART-TALKS ON CHURCH FINANCES.

R. S. Gavin.

#### No. 5.

#### WE ARE GOD'S DEBTORS.

A church's financial problem will never be solved until all the members realize that they are God's debtors. We hear a good deal about the motive that prompts one to pay. No matter what the motive is, unless there be back of the pay the consciousness and the conviction that what is being turned into the Lord's treasury is not a gift, but a just debt, the motive itself cannot be right. It is taken for granted that it is not necessary to stop here and argue the proposition that all saved people owe God something definite—something material—something of their own personal possessions. Proof texts in support of this proposition are so numerous that one scarcely knows which one to give first. We are in very truth God's debtors.

This being conceded, a question suggests itself, "How should one pay God what he owes Him?" Answer, "The treasury of the church of one's membership is the only proper channel through which he, or she, may disburse his, or her, pay. That is, of course, if what he is paying is in any sense whatever in the name of his church.

And if it is not in the name of his church, then he should not charge his church up with it at all. Paying what one owes God at random never helps the church of one's membership to solve its financial problem.

A man said to the writer once that the reason he was paying nothing into the treasury of the church was the fact that all he was giving was going to the support of some poor relatives.

And that means that he is helping neither God's church nor God's poor, primarily, by paying into God's treasury what really and justly belongs to God—but he is really robbing God in order to help his own kith and kin.

Nothing in all the temple worship was more prominent and important than the treasury. Why should it be regarded as being less important, or even not necessary at all, now?

Let it be emphasized, and reiterated, that if a church's financial problem is ever solved, all monies belonging to God, as a rule, must find their way to God through the channels of church treasuries.

Please remember, now, that in order to the solution of a church's financial problem: (1) Every member must be a paying member; (2) every member must pay systematically; (3) every member must realize that what he pays is not giving God something, but it is paying Him what he owes.

But all this is not enough. The adequate solution of this problem demands as uncompromisingly as Shylock demanded his pound of flesh that every member pay God all he owes Him.

They say that the amount of "conscience money" turned into the U. S. Treasury yearly is fabulously large. Which means, of course, that all over the land there are men and women who wake up to a realization that they have in their possession monies that really do not belong to them. And so, spurred on by an aroused and energizing conscience, they surrender these monies to the Treasury Department at Washington.

And we may digress here to say that one's conscience is one of the most important attributes of his being. But it is something that has to be properly cultivated, cared for, and regarded—else it will lead one either nowhere or anywhere.

Now, observation has forced the writer to the conclusion that the average church member hasn't a very sensitive conscience in the matter of his monetary obligations to God.

A church can never hope to solve rightly its financial problem until all its members put in the same class their debts to their fellowmen and their debts to their God. Indeed, if it is at all possible for one honest debt to be more honest, and more binding, and more sacred, than another honest debt, then the debt we owe God takes precedence over all other debts.

Said the church treasurer to one of the members, "Don't you realize that you owe God something in a financial way?" "Yes," replied the member. "Well," said the treasurer, "why don't you pay Him?" And the member replied, "Because He is not pushing me like the others I owe."

But, friend, forget not that thou art indebted to thy God to some extent in a far more sacred sense than it is possible for you to be indebted to any man.

Corinth, Miss.

### LOUISVILLE SEMINARY NOTES.

Since you last heard from us directly, our Mississippi group has been increased by three—Brethren J. R. Kyzar, of Brookhaven; Jno. H. Buchanan, of Blue Mountain, and J. W. Weathersby, of Bay St. Louis, the last-named having

brought his family. The enrollment for the session now stands at about 325.

The address on last Missionary Day was given by Prof. L. P. Leavell, this being also his inaugural address as a professor of the Seminary. After the address he signed the articles of faith of the Seminary, in the same book in which are recorded the signatures of all present and former members of the faculty, including Drs. Boyce, Broadus, etc. This is the second time this session that a new professor has been inaugurated, the other having been Prof. H. C. Wayman, of Kentucky, who has already proved himself as being both an able teacher and of a decidedly pastoral turn as a preacher. Prof. Leavell will teach Sunday School pedagogy the second half of each session, the first half being carried by Dr. Gardner. Prof. Leavell's address, which was of a distinctly practical nature and highly appreciated by all, was upon the theme of The Sunday School and Missions. He began with the statement that the Sunday School is the greatest organization within the church, called attention to the fact that missions is the highest and final purpose of the church, and then gave the practical application by showing in how many ways the Sunday School may be, and is being used to implant missionary information in the hearts of our developing youth and of adult students as well. And finally he added the inspirational touch by telling of the joy expressed by a certain medical missionary—himself a Mississippian we have no doubt—in a recent letter, telling of the conversion of a wealthy Chinaman and his whole family, whose love and confidence he had won by treating a son through a well nigh fatal attack of fever.

On the Missionary Day before the last we had with us Dr. Ben Cox, of Memphis, who told us some more of the wonderful answers to prayer that had come through the noon prayer meetings of the Central church, and how hungry men, attracted by the prospect of obtaining a free lunch, had, when they got there, been won by the Holy Spirit, through the service, to the One in whose name it was done.

Brother John Buchanan has received a call to Chifton church, in this city, which has been without a pastor several months, and where there seems to be a great opportunity.

Greetings to all the brotherhood throughout our home State.

HOYT E. PORTER.

#### ACRES OF DIAMONDS.

It is almost untrue to call "Acres of Diamonds" a lecture, although it started out as one—and as a lecture Dr. Conwell has received over four million dollars (\$4,360,040) for delivering it. All the figures and facts connected with "Acres of Diamonds" seem exaggerations—that it has been given more than 5,300 times; that it has caused villages to become cities; that it has established nearly a score of colleges and schools; that it has educated over 2,000 young men in the full college course; that it has made literally thousands of discouraged men and women to find prosperity and even wealth—in their own back yards; that it has been the means of establishing the fortunes of some of the richest men in America, and of making possible the brilliant careers of great men in nearly every calling and profession; that when the lecture was given for the 5,000th time the governors of eleven states came (from as far as Texas) to celebrate the occasion at which the Secretary of State presided.

This new book makes it possible to keep the inspiration of "Acres of Diamonds" at one's elbow, to give it to one's family, friends, business acquaintances, employees—and employers! In this book is included all the material of permanent value which has gone into the lecture during the fifty-five years it has been given and the various adaptations it has assumed. How the old Persian living by the Indus wanted to be rich; how this Al Hafed sold his farm and set forth to find diamonds of great price; how he

traveled on and on, only to end his life miserably; and how the man who bought Al Hafed's farm found in its sands the great Kohinoor diamond—this simple tale is the basis of Dr. Conwell's message—his convincing proof that all of us, because of the cases he cites and the actual human experiences he has witnessed, can find prosperity and happiness at our own doors.

The book contains, in its most complete form, the lecture, "Acres of Diamonds." There is in addition the story of Conwell's own life, one of the most picturesque careers of this generation—in itself full of inspiration—written by Robert Shackleton. John Wanamaker writes An Appreciation. The volume concludes with "Fifty Years on the Lecture Platform" by Conwell himself. There are four pages of illustrations. Post octavo; cloth; \$1.00 net; postage, 6 cents additional. The Baptist Record Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

#### CLARKE MEMORIAL COLLEGE.

As was stated in the columns of our Baptist paper in November, the situation in Clarke Memorial was a grave one. Sacrifice after sacrifice had been made by the faculty in order to carry on the work until further sacrifice was impossible.

The matter was placed before the Education Commission at the convention in Hattiesburg and before the convention in a body. It was stated before the commission that \$2,000 would enable those in charge to carry the work forward to the close of the session and give a clear record for the opening of next session.

The \$2,000 was subscribed on the floor of the convention. Students have filled up the classes on this subscription and the work here is promising indeed, but only one-fifth of the \$2,000 has been paid in. The faculty members are strained to the breaking point just now. Could you not send in your subscription by the tenth of this month? If not all, then the larger part of it now and the other in thirty or sixty days?

We are depending on this as the cause is so worthy and the need so urgent.

Pray for us and accept our thanks for your gift.

THE FACULTY,  
Clarke Memorial College.

#### WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE CONCERNING THE TRUE GOD.

Text—Acts 17:27.

#### DISCOURSE NO. 2.

Introduction. 1. Man is constantly searching out cause and effect.

(a) In the physical world.

(b) In the spiritual world.

2. As man studies cause and effect, as related to the universe, he is inquiring after God.

3. There are two sources through which God may be revealed to man.

(a) God may be revealed in nature.

(b) God may be revealed in history (revelation).

4. Our study tonight has to do with "What Baptists believe concerning the true God."

Baptists believe:

I. That there is one and only one living and true God, an infinite intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the heavens and the earth.—Gen. 1:1; Jno. 4:24; Heb. 3:4; Rom. 1:20.

II. That this God is inexpressibly glorious in holiness.—I Pet. 1:15; Rev. 4:5-8.

III. That this God is worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love.—Mk. 12:29-30; Mat. 10:37f; Rev. 4:9-11.

IV. That in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.—Mat. 28:19; Jno. 15:26; I Cor. 12:4-6.

V. That these three persons, in the Godhead are equal in every divine perfection.—Jno. 10:29-30; Jno. 5:17; Jno. 14:23; Jno. 17:5; Phil. 2:5-6.

VI. That these three persons in the Godhead are executing distinct but harmonious offices (functions) in the great work of redemption.—Eph. 2:18; II Cor. 13:14; Rev. 1:4-5.

J. R. G. HEWLETT.

Charleston, Miss.

#### MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE.

I want to thank the editor of the Record for the editorials upon our educational situation. They have covered the ground discussed and have gone to the root of the troubles of our denominational schools. At Nashville last week where over a hundred of our leading men were gathered to attend the meetings of the Southern Baptist Education Commission and the Southern Baptist Educational Association, statements were made by brethren from other States that these editorials constituted the clearest and most logical deliverance yet made upon this vital subject.

Last Saturday night the younger members of the Hermentian Society entertained the student body by presenting a first class minstrel show. It was most creditable to all the participants.

Our Sunday School Normal Courses are being organized. There is now a class of 70 in the Manual, a class of 14 in "Talks to the Training Class," and a class of 40 in "What Baptists Believe." These are in addition to the large classes in the Old Testament and the New Testament under Dr. Christian. Other classes will begin as soon as our protracted services are over.

On Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 the president and faculty entertained in honor of the young matrons who have been members of our faculty and who have married during the last year. They are, Mrs. Charles Bradford, nee Miss Mary Ella Graham; Mrs. Llewellyn Brown, nee Miss Louise Walters, and Mrs. James Ward, nee Miss Lucile Moody.

We invite all our friends to come to see us when passing through Hattiesburg.

J. L. JOHNSON.

#### LEBANON ASSOCIATION S. S. AND B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION.

The first annual convention of the Lebanon Association Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U.'s, W. M. U.'s and Laymen, will be held at the First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, from Thursday afternoon, March 2nd, through Friday afternoon, March 3rd. The convention has been invited and will be given free entertainment by the B. Y. P. U. of this church.

A strong and splendid program has been arranged. Dr. J. Benj. Lawrence, J. E. Byrd, W. E. Holcomb, and Miss Margaret Lackey will be in attendance and on the program which is assurance of a season of meetings more than worth while.

Each church in the association is urged to send at least four delegates, one representing the Sunday School, another the B. Y. P. U., and another the W. M. U., and another the Laymen. If a church has no B. Y. P. U., for instance, let that church send one of its members as B. Y. P. U. delegate anyway, etc., and so with the other three interests named.

Let those who expect to attend write Floyd Gillis, Hattiesburg, who will make provision for entertainment.

Pastors, Superintendents, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. Presidents, and Laymen, help to make this a great convention.

E. G. HIGHTOWER.

Much interest is being shown in the practical work being done by Central Baptist Church, Memphis; not only by Memphians but many outside of Memphis. Remittances have come from many States, ranging in sums from two cents to twenty-five dollars. Recently two boxes of clothes have been received from Oxford, Miss., and one box from Covington, Tenn. It has been found necessary to set aside a room in Central Church for taking care of clothes and shoes sent in for free distribution.

**Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union Page**

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Fulgham.

All societies in Mississippi should send quarterly reports to Miss M. M. Lackey, Jackson, Miss., but all money should be sent to Rev. J. B. Lawrence, Jackson, Miss., except Training School Funds, which should be sent to Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, 15 West Franklin St., Baltimore, Md.; and the Literature Fund, which should be sent to Miss M. M. Lackey, Jackson, Miss.

**CONSECRATION.**

"Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard, that the Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not neither is weary? He giveth power to the faint; and to them that hath no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fail. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:28-31.

"For I the Lord thy God will hold they right hand, saying unto thee, fear not, I will help thee." Isaiah 41:13.

May the Gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, utterly destroy any false doctrine of Catholicism in Latin America; opening the way for the pure and undefiled message to flow through the great springs of Education and Religion, which is their greatest need.

May the spirit of Christ dwell richly in the hearts and lives of our Cuban missionaries, who, "having put on the whole armour of God they may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, and having done all to stand" and endure as seeing Him who is invisible.

Remember that February is our Training School Month!

Our apportionment for Foreign Missions this year is \$9,500.00. To date there has been reported \$5,195.23. We lack \$4,404.23, you see. We are thankful that some of this has come into Dr. Lawrence's office, but has not been reported to us. Sister Secretary, will YOU see to it that your report reaches us?

Our apportionment for Home Missions is \$6,500.00. To date we have had reported only \$2,321.49. The March Week of Prayer, and our regular Home Mission Quarter which is just beginning will help this Cause. But will some member of YOUR Society see that it is reported to us?

We are more than \$1,500.00 behind with our Training School Fund. And the time is so short. Oh, Sister, please stand behind this Cause and see to it that we fall not. If each Baptist woman in each Baptist church will give fifty cents this month, we will be so happy! Do help us.

Illinois sisters are requested to give their Sunday eggs to the Training School during this month. Read the call!

"Attention, ye favored ones, who have hens. Will you not give your Sunday eggs during February to the Missionary Training School in Louisville, Ky.? Invest your eggs in girls who have consecrated their lives to the Master and want to be trained to do His work."

Cannot the sisters of Mississippi follow this plan for the month? DO!

"The Royal Ambassadors of Blue Mountain, Miss., sent beautiful Christmas decorations for the Good Will Center." (Training School.) This is copied from the "Mission Messenger" of Fla. We know the dear boys of Blue Mountain enjoyed Christmas all the better for this deed.

We now have sixty-four Sunbeam Bands in the State, nine new ones since the convention. Who will be the next to join us? There are more than 1,500 churches in our beloved State; our aim is to have a Sunbeam Band in each church. We are all responsible for the training of the children along missionary lines: are you willing to share your part of the responsibility by organizing them in your church?

We have asked the Royal Ambassadors of the State to adopt the slogan, "Every boy one dollar for home and foreign missions." We also suggested that they set aside a work day in which to raise that dollar. Dear reader, let us pray that our boys will catch the spirit of self-sacrifice and feel that they have a part in our great mission work.

**Executive Committee.**

The Executive Committee of the W. M. U. met in Jackson, February 4th. Those present were Mesdames Riley, McComb, Aven, Longino, Borum, Fulgham, Enochs and Misses Lackey and Traylor.

The president opened the meeting with the reading, and commenting upon, the 84th Psalm. Mrs. Borum led in prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Miss Lackey read her report, covering the time since the last meeting, which was December 6th. Quite a good deal of the time had been spent in the field. Since the State Convention sixty seven new societies have been enrolled: 37 W. M. S.; 9 Y. W. A's; 3 G. A's; 5 R. A's, and 12 Sunbeams. Since just fifty days have elapsed since the convention, these societies speak well for the advancement of the work. Encouraging reports were made as to the splendid work our associational superintendents are doing.

On motion the resignation of Mrs. R. L. Johnson as vice president of the Southeast Division of the State, was accepted and Mrs. Wright of Hattiesburg, was elected in her stead. Prayer, lead by Mrs. Riley was made for the outgoing and the incoming officer.

On motion "Bible Outlines" by Dr. Beauchamp was recommended by the committee as a study book for all societies in the State.

Miss Traylor gave her report. Much of her time has been given to office work since the convention. The committee appointed to prepare "Programs for R. A's and Sunbeams" which had been appointed by the president was accepted by the committee. And the secretaries were requested to secure from Leaders copies of all programs that have been used with success in the work.

The Training School Fund was discussed. The secretaries were advised to use every effort to secure the sum of \$1,500.00 which is needed to complete our apportionment; and secure it during this month of February. Meeting closed with prayer led by Mrs. Aven.

**Her Way of Saying "Thank You."**

The society in Como sent to eleven year old Katherine Maness, the daughter of one of our Frontier Missionaries, a box. Here is her letter of thanks:

"Dear Ladies—I thank you for my box. The gingham dresses are too large but mama can fix them over. I like the hat about the best of all because I didn't have any. I am going to speak a piece at the church Sunday mornnig and I will wear a new hair ribbon, use my new handkerchief and wear my new hat and coat.

"I am eleven years old and in the sixth grade. I write stories and poetry sometimes. I'll

give you a poem on the other page. I have three or four stories and five or more poems.

"I thank each one for your trouble.

"KATHERINE MANESS."

**THE POEM.****A Winter Verse.**

The ground is covered with ice,  
But the children think it nice.  
The wind is strong and cold,  
Which is very hard on the old.

The lambs are bleating,  
But Winter is fleeing;  
Soon comes the month of May,  
When they will frolic all day.

—Katherine Maness, Ponca City, Okla

This month we study Latin-America. Do you know that Brazil is larger by TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND SQUARE MILES than the whole of the United States?

Do you know that only eight mission boards of North America have work in South America?

Do you know that in Peru there are only three ordained Protestant missionaries?

Do you know that in Argentina, a territory larger than the United States east of the Mississippi, there are only eleven missionaries?

Do you know that Mississippi has no missionary in South America?

Dear Miss Lackey:

The very best Christmas present that I received was the enclosed letter from our lovely counselor, Mrs. Annie B. Cook, at the State Normal College. I have enjoyed it all to myself for a month and at last have found time to pass it on to others. The forming of this Y. W. A. was the burden of my thought for eight months and I am most grateful to Mrs. Harrington and Mrs. Cook who rendered such service in accomplishing that desire, while we were at the State Convention.

With the prayer that this, the youngest of our College Y. W. A's may continue steadfast and grow in strength and knowledge and zeal for the Master's cause, I am,

Yours sincerely,

MARY RATLIFF,  
College Correspondent.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Dec. 21, 1915.

My Dear Miss Ratliff:

We organized a Y. W. A. at the State Normal College the first Monday night after you were here and have met every Monday night since. We had a beautiful Christmas program last night with about 25 or 30 girls present. We shall not start again until January. Royal Service has come once and the Year Book came on time, many thanks for both.

We had the pleasure of having Misses Traylor and Middleton with us about two weeks ago. Their talks were so inspiring and we hope, when our report is turned in at the Convention, that you can all feel that you have not labored in vain.

We have something over 40 girls enrolled now. Alberta Unger was elected president; Willie Turner, vice president, and Ethel West, secretary and treasurer. All of these girls are splendid Christian leaders and very enthusiastic.

I shall get the secretary to write you a more detailed report later.

Sincerely yours,

ANNIE B. COOK,  
Counselor for Y. W. A.

Paul had his contests with the devil and was not always successful. He says to the Thessalonians that he had once and again sought to go to Thessalonica but Satan had hindered him. But he never gave up the fight. If he couldn't win one way he could another. If he couldn't go, he could write, and the whole world has his letters.

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The Houtson Baptist Church and Pastor G. W. Riley, celebrated their fifth annual anniversary on the first Sunday in January. Following was the program in part:

1. Short History of the Church—Deacon D. W. Jean.
2. "The Religious Conditions of the Church"—Deacon D. A. Blair.
- "The Future Possibilities of the Church."
4. Reports of the five years work by the pastor, G. W. Riley.
- "The Church Clerk,"—W. A. Wilkinson.
- "The Sunday School Superintendent"—W. J. Stacy.
- "The W. M. U."—Mrs. Riley.
- "The B. Y. P. U."—
- "The Sunbeams"—Maudine Ford.
- "The Church Treasurer"—Mayor Parker.

5. Reading of the church covenant and resolutions for the new year. There have been 170 received into the membership of the church.

Contributions: Missions, \$2,044; Orphanage, \$672.75; Old Ministers and Min. Ed., \$125.; Church repairs, \$2,312.50; Hospitals and colleges, \$1,408; Judson fund, \$1,150; Other objects, \$7,841.96; Making total for the five years, \$15,554.21.

The church enters the new year unhampered by debt or division with the full determination to do a great year's work for the Master.

W. A. WILKINSON,  
Church Clerk.

The trustees of Baylor University refused to accept the resignation of President S. P. Brooks, candidate for the United States Senate, but gave him leave of absence until September 1, 1916. Dr. Brooks is now in the canvass.

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### ON THE ROAD TO AN A-1 SCHOOL.

By Herman Dean,  
Superintendent Brookhaven Baptist  
Sunday School.

In two previous articles Brother Dean discussed the principles and requirements involved in the Standard of Excellence. At our request he herein gives in concrete form an illustration of the effort to apply the efficiency tests of the standard in his own school. Sunday School workers will read this bit of history with much interest and profit.

The Brookhaven Baptist church has an enrollment in its main Sunday School of 484 pupils, under eight general officers, eleven departmental officers and twenty-seven teachers. This is flanked by a cradle roll department of nearly 100 babies and a home department of 100 members, each department under its superintendent and her assistants.

By the "Standard of Excellence for Baptist Sunday Schools," our school now grades ninety per cent, having yet to take credit for step VII, which is, however, so close to our grasp and so reasonably certain of early attainment, that we count our long struggle toward the goal as practically won.

For the way has been both long and strenuous. Perhaps the definite aim of the leaders of the movement toward the standard did not crystallize prior to 1912, but its inception was much earlier, and was inspired by the realization that something must be done to bring the school up to where it would more nearly accomplish the full measure of its potential efficiency.

It was a good school, but there was something wrong. There was too much "lost motion" and that, in Christian labors, too often means lost souls. The causes of the trouble were so apparent that they could not well be overlooked by one seeking. They were two.

In the first place, the school was too good. That is to say, it was satisfied with itself. Its corps of teachers was individually above the average in ability; it was numerically the largest in the county and the town. There was a promising amount of noise Sunday mornings, and by local standards it was quite satisfactory.

But it was self-blinded. The vision of its possibilities, of its lost opportunities, had only dimly dawned, if at all. It realized neither its weaknesses nor its strength.

The diagnosis was unquestionably sound. The remedy was at hand—a simple preparation of modern Sunday School methods, but the patient refused to take it except in very broken doses.

Once in its history there had been an attempt at pupil grading, over strong opposition in high quarters, but by 1909 the results thereby accomplished had almost been obliterated through subsequent neglect. The ages were fearfully and wonderfully mixed.

It was decided that this point afforded the field for the best returns in educational work, since it would

quickly furnish a clear-cut object-lesson of the efficacy of the principles we wished to inculcate. A campaign toward organization was launched, a census taken whose "discoveries" stretched the eyes of many a placid old-timer, and an extensive, but incomplete, pupil grading put through, against lessening opposition.

At this time the cradle roll was started and grew rapidly. Also, a home department, but its tribulations would fill another chapter. Incidentally, the Sunday School program was made more brightening and inspiring by replacing the church hymnal with a book of live Sunday School songs.

This leaven worked for over a year, until the last of 1911, when another census was taken and pupil grading pushed somewhat further. Opposition to this step had practically died, the workers were more prepared to follow up the plan of organization, and went into 1912 with great energy.

The results in enrollment and attendance surpassed all records, furnishing inspiration and enthusiasm not only to our own people, but to the other schools of the town, who heard, came doubting, and went away to start something at home. The capacity of the church building was over-taxed. In order temporarily to relieve the congestion, a rough annex was added to accommodate the beginners and Baracas.

Now, as before indicated, the A-1 standard was definitely raised as our goal. The large wall-chart of the "ladder" was prominently hung. We already had the first three steps, and practically the ninth, but at that time credit had to be taken for consecutive steps, so, holding on to our items under step IX as the key to our progress, we turned our attention to Grade B-3—bringing and using Bibles.

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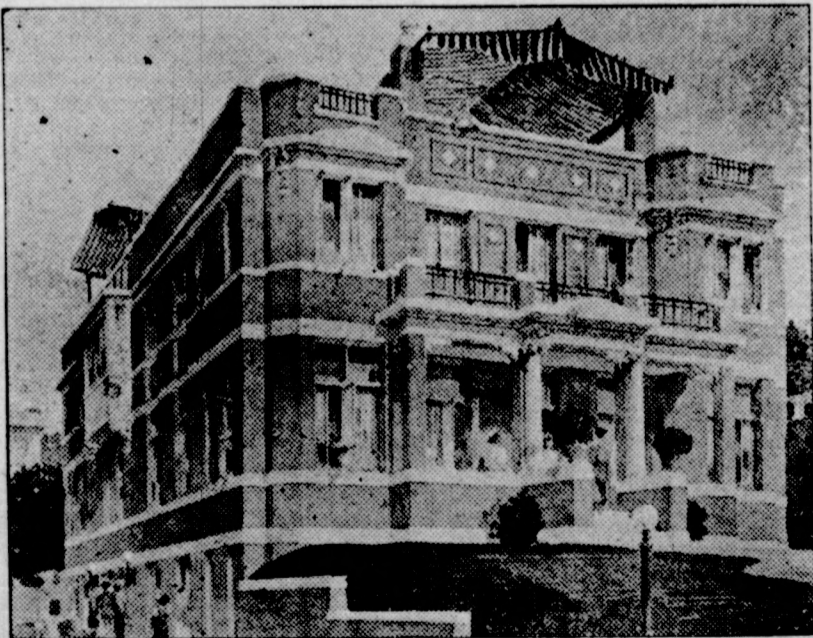
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Right at this point we struck the second cause for our non-progressive State—the surprising and inexplicable failure of the actual leaders, the officers and teachers, to realize the duties, responsibilities and demands of their high positions before the Lord! It has taken four years to gain the four steps where their qualifications are weighed—steps IV, V, VI and X. Four years of Christian education.

After an inter-denominational census in the late summer of 1912, which was poorly followed up, Mr. J. E. Byrd spent several days with us in the fall. He conducted a short institute, yet put nine diplomas among us, and pledged the teachers to more definite, united effort. Several adult classes were organized. We started a weekly teachers' and officers' meeting, but this was short-lived. Finally, by beginning to report Bibles brought, and by other pressure, we decided we could fairly take credit for step IV.

In 1913, work was begun on a new church building, which had been carefully planned with reference to the needs of an up-to-date school. During the period of construction, our school met in the city hall, being glad to hold its own during this time, which, however, it did, and went into its new quarters in May, 1914, to all appearances on fire with enthusiasm and ready to become A-1 forthwith.

A normal class meeting at the Sunday School hour was begun, perfect departmental organization installed, including complete pupil grading—without a murmur—and graded literature added through the junior department. We were thereby enabled to take credit for steps VIII and IX, making us, by the method of grading under the new standard, a 60 per cent school.  
(To be concluded.)

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We used our new \$4,400 organ last Sunday for the first time. It is a great instrument.  
Physically I am in a poor plight for a meeting. In fact, I should be in a hospital now, and would be if the meeting had not been planned for this time.  
Fraternally,  
W. A. WHITTLE.  
Blue Mountain, Jan. 29, 1916.

It is stated that Rev. W. W. Milan was chosen secretary of the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School work in Florida at the recent State Convention at Live Oak.

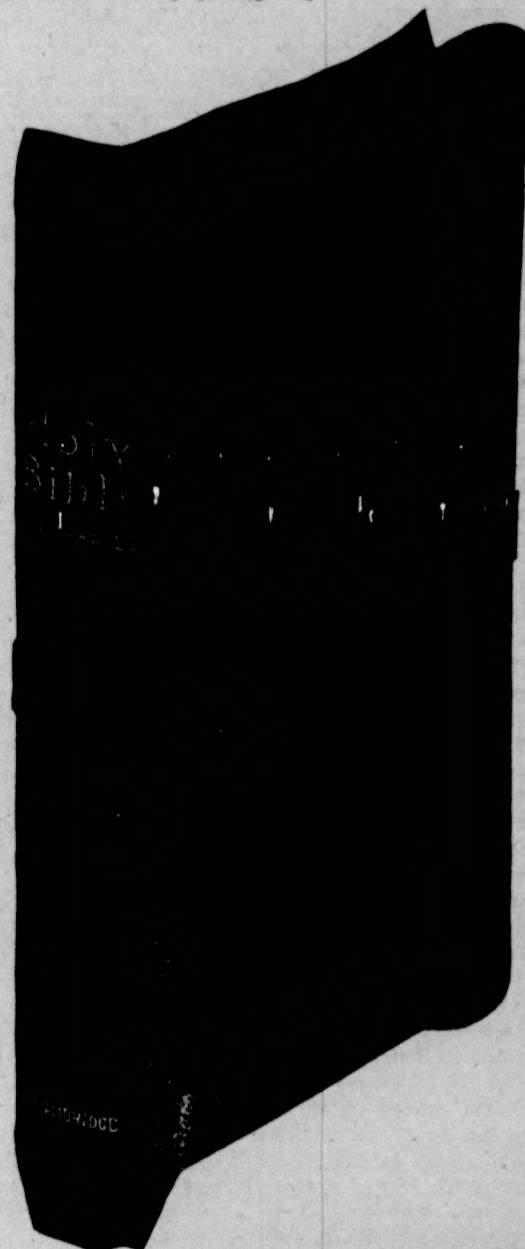
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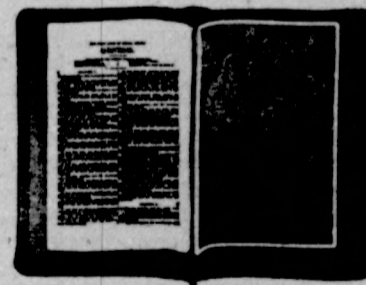
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BY A. J. AVEN, LL. D.

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Acts 4:32-5:5.

## Introduction:

"The first Christian community had become a power in Jerusalem. There had as yet come to exist no strong or settled organization, but the bond of love and fellowship held the believers together as one great family. They had met opposition from without because they were strong and persistent in declaring the Messiahship of Jesus and his resurrection, and that he was the only means of salvation. The attack upon Peter and John served only to strengthen the hold of the Christians upon the people; and the new doctrine kept receiving additional advocates. Opposition developed from within the community itself, and opposition of this kind is more effective in its assaults than that from the outside. The deception and hypocrisy practiced by Ananias and Sapphira were soon disclosed and punished. From two angles this lesson can be applied to the subject of temperance. 1. The church of Jesus Christ is opposed to every evil and is therefore unalterably opposed to the liquor traffic. 2. The liquor evil is a deceiver of the most pronounced type. It hides itself under a guise of respectability and under the law, but it is only and always base."

## The Lesson Teachings.

**Brotherly Accord.**—After Peter had worked the miracle of healing the lame man, with John he was put in prison until the next day. When there could be found nothing against the apostles, they were released, and at once they went to their own company. And they held a prayer meeting which the very prayer which all joined in is recorded. The notable thing about that prayer is, that they were with one accord. Much bitterness of feeling would be destroyed, should the brethren unite with one accord in prayer, and pray a prayer worthy to be handed down to posterity. Another notable thing is that when they had prayed the place was shaken and they all were filled with the Holy Ghost. I fear some of our prayers are very much like the bubbles blown by a child; they rise but soon to explode and vanish into thin air. If we would bring things to pass in God's kingdom, our prayers must have the shaking quality and weight. For a church to pray a telling prayer, there must be concord and harmony. It is only under conditions of this kind that there can be a filling of the Holy Ghost. Note the effects of the Holy Ghost filled church. They were of one heart and of one soul; and they had all things in common. This scripture is puzzling to a great many people. They see in it the scare of socialism, not distinguishing the difference between Christian socialism and political socialism. The question of Christian Socialism is claiming a very deep interest among our Baptist people. This idea has reached a head in the fact of the great work

which Dr. Gardner is doing in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. At the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance held in Philadelphia, in June, 19-25, 1911, the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That a committee on social progress of fifteen be appointed to memorialize other religious bodies of the world to appoint similar committees who shall confer together and endeavor to secure such concerted action as shall destroy these evils and make the impact of Christendom upon the nations of earth more helpful. This committee shall also study the further duty of the church to society and shall suggest ways whereby Jesus Christ may become a fact in the social life of the world." Christian socialism based upon altruism, or the Golden Rule, does not ask for equal distribution, but equal opportunity and justice. It is founded on the spirit of Jesus, while political socialism is founded on the spirit of the world.

**The Apostles as Witnesses:**—"With great power." No wonder! for they were filled with the Holy Ghost. When men are dead in earnest about the welfare of God's kingdom, they cannot help letting their enthusiasms burst forth. They will manifest their interest with great vigor, spirit, and courage. By the very things done, the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of Jesus. "And grace was upon them." Not only upon the apostles, but upon them all. This grace bore fruition in all they did. If every child of God would put himself in such attitude to God that he could be used of God in accordance with his ability it would not be long before the world would have preached the blessed truth of Christ's saving grace.

**Liberalizing Effect of the Gospel.**—"Neither was any among them that lacked." When a man's soul becomes filled with the Holy Spirit, his heart becomes filled with love, and his hands become filled with charity, and his activities become filled with deeds of relief. The poor suffer no longer, for the rich see to it that all shall eat and have raiment. This is a beautiful story of Barnabas. His life meant much in the kingdom of God, because he will to be used of God.

**To Be, Not to Seem.**—The one thing that our churches need today is to note carefully "The vital difference between the spirit and the fashion of Christianity." Hitherto the work of the church has been without a discord. But now selfish ambition enters. Falsehood is resorted to, and that, too, by people under ordinary circumstances seem to be highly blessed. The name "Ananias" means "grace of God," and "Sapphira" of course means just a jewel of brilliancy. As some one has said, "Somebody there was who loved them well enough to give them fine names when they were little." But Ananias lied, and the grace of God departed from him. Sapphira lied and she lost all her beauty. While the church was on such a triumphal march,

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while "faith has become enthusiasm," while private ownership was lost in social beneficence, these two hypocrites threw a clog into the wheel of progress, and all the triumph, all the enthusiasm, and all the beneficence must stop long enough to teach the world the folly of false policy. But the lesson was taught, but at what a cost! "Be not deceived, God is not mocked," and does not propose to take part as the whole. So often we hear men say "I wish I could do more, but this is all." He is not called on to make the statement, any more than were Ananias and Sapphira. It was theirs to do as they pleased, but they saw others showing liberality, and they felt that they could not seem to be penurious, so they resorted to the unpardonable recourse of lying about it. I wonder if this is not

the sin of our churches today? But listen to Peter: "Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God." God demands not only that men shall be righteous in private life, but there must be public righteousness also. They lied in public, but it was the result of secret sin. Each will be punished. "The wages of sin is death." The fate of these two hypocrites may seem a little hard, but it was a time in the history of the church when it must be kept holy and discipline was of more value than numbers. In the story of Ananias and Sapphira we see "that men enjoy high advantages, may make a fair profession of religion, and obtain admission to its most sacred external privileges, and yet may remain slaves to vicious dispositions, and strangers to the fear of God."

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### J. M. MIKELL.

Our beloved Brother, James Mikell, of Whitesand, passed into the beautiful beyond on Dec. 2, 1915, age 57 years.

He leaves a wife, mother, nine children, one sister, several brothers and a host of friends who miss beyond expression. And in the little church and Sunday School at Oak Grove, where he was a faithful member, there is a vacant seat which can never be filled.

He was in many respects a remarkable character, so patient, genial and cheerful, his life is an inspiration to all to be and do the just and noble thing.

As we grieve over our loss, we seem to hear the Angels sing, "Rejoice for the Lord brings back his own." God comfort the aged mother, bereaved wife and sorrowing children.

Life has lost much of its sweetness for you, but memory gives you a precious heritage.

"Leaves have their time to fall,  
And flowers to fade at the North winds' breath.

But thou hast all seasons, O Death!"  
ONE WHO LOVED HIM.

### BUILT AND BUILDING.

I have at last decided to remain with Philadelphia, which place I have been serving since last March. We shall move there this week. In connection with Philadelphia I shall serve Camden. These points are a long ways apart and will cost a lot to do the work, but I am convinced I can be of more service to the kingdom in these points than any of which I know.

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At Camden we have a great opportunity. We have there a splendid Agricultural High School with Brother P. W. Berry as superintendent and several good Baptist young men and women assistants.

They have started a new church which will have eight class rooms and auditorium. I feel the opportunity here is very great.

M. J. DERRICK.

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE.

WHEREAS, William Fletcher, upon January 31st, 1914, executed his certain deed of trust to the undersigned Trustee, recorded in the records of deeds of Hinds County, First District, in Deed Book 90, page 154, to secure an indebtedness of Thirty-eight Hundred (\$3,800.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, request has been made to foreclose said deed of trust;

Now, I, the undersigned Trustee, will, within legal hours, upon Monday, March 6th, 1916, at the east door of the County Court House, in the City of Jackson, sell at public auction in front of the east door of the County Court House of the First District of Hinds County, that certain property described as a certain lot of land with the appurtenances in the City of Jackson: Beginning at a point on the North boundary line of the Alabama & Vicksburg Railway right of way, 116 feet east of the intersection of the said North boundary line with the east boundary of Farish street; go thence east along said right of way 80 feet; go thence in a northerly direction to a point on the first alley running east and west five (5) feet west of the northwest corner of a six-room house belonging to John L. Boyd; go thence west along the south boundary line of said alley to the western line of a lot owned by said John L. Boyd, which said western line is the eastern boundary line of the lot owned by said Boyd; go thence in a southerly direction to the point of beginning, the property conveyed by Allen and Boyd to G. W. Brannon on the 4th day of June, 1909.

An undivided one-half interest in and to the following lands in said Hinds County.

West half of west half of Section 2, and the north half of northwest quarter of Section 11, Township 6, Range 1 west.

Also the following described personal property in said city, belonging to said Fletcher, and being the only mules and wagons owned by him.

1 black (horse) mule named Rock, 1 bay mule (mare) named Jane, 1 mouse colored (mare) mule named Sallie, 1 black mule (mare) named

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### MY FAREWELL REPORT.

Rev. J. Benj. Lawrence,  
Sec. State Mission Board,  
Jackson, Mis.

Dear Secretary—

Find enclosed my report of work of quarter just closed. This report closes my work as a missionary of our State Board to this Gulf Coast field. I have given twenty-one (21) years of the forty-four (44) years of my ministry to this field. (From 1880 to 1890, ten years, and from 1904 to 1915, eleven years. From 1884 to 1890, six years, I was the only Baptist minister in this field and had charge of every church on the immediate coast.

I am closing my work not only as a missionary, but as a pastor as well, because at the age of seventy-two (72) I am too physically weak, due to declining age, to do the amount of religious visiting required in the pastorate. From henceforth I will preach the "glad tidings" anywhere that God in his providence may lead me, until He calls me from labor to eternal love.

Please permit your humble servant to give you in this, his farewell report, a brief statement of his work of twenty-one (21) years as a missionary of our State Missionary Board to this Gulf Coast country. The items of work done are given in round numbers.

I have preached the gospel along its shores from the Escatawpa river on the east to Pearl river on the west, a distance of ninety-five (95) miles, and also in the country adjacent to it. Have preached twenty-five (25) hundred sermons—have traveled forty-two (42) thousand miles. Served twelve (12) churches; preached at several mission stations; baptized two hundred (200) persons on profession of faith; walked hundreds of miles in making religious visits from house to house; made ten thousand (10,000) such visits; built one house of worship; raised means to build two others and repaired others. Raised nine thousand (\$9,000) dollars for missions and other objects of benevolence. Prayed with the sick and dying. Did not observe denominational or social or racial lines in my work of love in the gospel, but as a representative of the people of the "One Lord, one faith and one baptism," without compromise I stood for righteousness along all lines. Served as moderator of the Gulf Coast Baptist Association sixteen (16) years, wrote and put in permanent form for preservation historical sketches of Baptist history on our Gulf Coast from its beginning in 1830—also the history of the Gulf Coast Baptist Association, and the history of the New Orleans and Shidell, La., Baptists.

I studied the interests of our Board as well as the interests of this field and asked for and received appropriations as supplements in amounts as small as I could well subsist on and raised of missions all I well could and thus reimbursed our Board to a considerable extent for its expenditures and am consoled with the thought that my work of twenty-one years as a missionary cost our Board comparatively little.

It is to me a happy reflection when looking back through the years of my service under appointment of our Board which began thirty-five (35) years ago, to find no discordant note to mar the beautiful harmony which characterized our work together for our good Master.

I was treated with the sweetest Christian courtesy by our Board and secretaries. The membership of the churches, many of whom have gone home to glory, though their loving kindness shown me and their co-operation with me in the work helped to make it a delight. Turning away from the human to the divine my heart burns within me with love for and gratitude to our precious Savior for the fulfillment to me of his gracious promise, "Lo, I am with you always." O, my dear Master, Thy praise shall fill the remnant of my days and forever, more. To the Triune God through Christ our Redeemer, belongs the glory for whatever successes may have crowned my labors for Him in this world of sin and sorrow, and He shall have it to all eternity.—Amen.

I was buried with Christ in baptism in the waters of this Mexican Gulf when a youth of fifteen (15) years, and arose from my burial in baptism "to walk in newness of life" and when I have finished the work He gave me to do, my body will be buried in the soil of this Gulf-washed shore to await the happy resurrection morn.

Dear Secretary, my prayer for our Board and our secretary is that you may have the wisdom that cometh from above to guide you in the great good work in which you are engaged and that success may crown your labors for the extension of our Redeemer's Kingdom on earth. Blessings many be upon you and upon our beloved Board from the loving hand of our God is the prayer of

Your brother and fellow laborer,  
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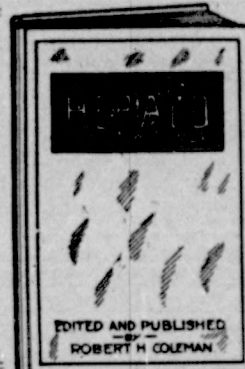
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I want them to know about the Automatic Air Cushion Rupture Appliance that I made for children who are afflicted in this way.



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The above is C. E. Brooks, of Marshall, Mich., the inventor, who has been curing rupture for over 30 years. If ruptured, write him today.

If you have tried most everything else, come to me. Where others fail is where I have my greatest success. Send attached coupon today and I will send you free my illustrated book on rupture and its cure, showing my Appliance and giving you prices and names of many people who have tried it and were cured. It is instant relief when all others fail. Remember, I use no salves, no harness, no lies. I send on trial to prove what I say is true. You are the judge and once having seen my illustrated book and read it you will be as enthusiastic as my hundreds of patients whose letters you may also read. Fill out free coupon below and mail today. It's well worth your time whether you try my appliance or not.

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My Appliance is better and I want to prove it to you.

I will make an Appliance to the child's measure, send it on TRIAL—put it into your hands to see and use and then you can say whether it is what I claim or not.

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Write me today and get all the information—send the coupon.

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C. E. Brooks,  
Marshall, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Your Appliance did all you claim for the little boy and more, for it cured him sound and well. We let him wear it for about a year in all, although it cured him 3 months after he had begun to wear it. We had tried several other remedies, and got no relief, and I shall certainly recommend it to friends, for we surely owe it to you. Yours respectfully,

WM. PATTERSON,  
No. 717 S. Main St., Akron, Ohio.

## Pennsylvania Man Thankful

Mr. C. E. Brooks,  
Marshall, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Perhaps it will interest you to know that I have been ruptured six years and have always had trouble with it until I got your Appliance. It is very easy to wear, fits neat and snug, and is not in the way at any time, day or night. In fact, at times I did not know I had it on; it just adapted itself to the shape of the body, as it clung to the spot, no matter what position I was in.

It would be a veritable God-send to the unfortunates who suffer from rupture if all could procure the Brooks Rupture Appliance and wear it. They would certainly never regret it.

My rupture is now all healed up and nothing ever did it but your Appliance. Whenever the opportunity presents itself I will say a good word for your Appliance, and also the honorable way in which you deal with ruptured people. It is a pleasure to recommend a good thing among your friends or strangers. I am,

Yours very sincerely,  
JAMES A. BRITTON,  
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## Remember

I send my Appliance on trial to prove what I say is true. You are to be the judge. Fill out free coupon below and mail today.

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5. It is small, soft and pliable, and positively cannot be detected through the clothing.

6. The soft, pliable bands holding the Appliance do not give one the unpleasant sensation of wearing a harness.

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8. There are no metal springs in the Appliance to torture one by cutting and bruising the flesh.

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10. My reputation for honesty and fair dealing is so thoroughly established by an experience of over thirty years of dealing with the public, and my prices are so reasonable, my terms so fair, that there certainly should be no hesitancy in sending free coupon today.

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Mr. C. E. Brooks, Marshall, Mich.

Dear Sir:

I began using your Appliance for the cure of rupture (I had a pretty bad case) I think in May, 1905. On November 20, 1905, I quit using it. Since that time I have not needed or used it. I am well of rupture and rank myself among those cured by the Brooks Discovery, which, considering my age, 76 years, I regard as remarkable.

Very sincerely yours,  
SAM A. HOOVER.

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Yours very truly,  
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Yours sincerely,  
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